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## Jersey City artists loft project faces setback

By Gloria Dulon-Wilson

**JERSEY CITY** — The Work and Living District Overlay, also known as WALDO, which has been on the books for over four years, may not become a reality. The Jersey City Redevelopment Agency dismissed the developer, David Judelson, who conceptualized the program, to take abandoned warehouses and redevelop them for artists to live and work as part of a Jersey City cultural development program.

The project, which would have been located at 110 First Street, was considered one of the "crown jewels" in the development, was designed to resemble Soho and Tribeca in New York, where promenade, shops and artists mingle with people from all walks of life. However, as a result of "much foot dragging and the astronomical rise in property values in the downtown area the greedy are once again allowed to rule over the best interests of the residents," stated one of the demonstrators, at a recently held city council meeting.

The artists community is prepared to rally for the reinstatement of the developer and the completion of the plans, but fear that the fix is already in, with the JCRA using eminent domain powers to acquire one of the buildings from the owner, Gold Equities. They will offer them a price for the property, but if they refuse it, the matter goes to court, where many feel they will surely be upheld. Artists feel that Judelson's dismissal is the beginning of the end. While he has been instrumental in developing affordable homes by transforming spaces in Massachusetts and Los Angeles.

With a protracted legal battle, the properties most likely will become too expensive and too valuable, making it cost prohibitive for the fulfillment of any development for artists. Having already invested over \$300,000 into the project, it is doubtful he will be able to recoup his expenses. The property had been rezoned to accommodate the artists colony and artists were being recruited via application and questionnaires for the upcoming project via an Artist Certification Board. At present 200 artists had been certified to move into the WALDO district upon its completion.

Stated one constituent, "Schunder is making a big mistake by not keeping his promise to WALDO. Art is an essential make up on the culture of Jersey City and goes to the heart of the quality of life. To turn everything over to the robber barons shows that he does not have the interest of this community in mind, but only ways to continue to suck us dry. He will find that we don't forget or forgive easily."

## GOP to target Corzine campaign spending in Fall

By Ralph Siegel

**TRENTON (AP)** — Immediately after winning his first election, Jon Corzine wanted to talk about issues like Social Security and education. But looming over his Senate campaign was the record-shattering \$33 million the former investment banker spent just to win the Democratic nomination.

With vote totals in Tuesday's primaries still being tallied early Wednesday, Corzine's Republican opponent, Rep. Bob Franks, fired off the first salvo, calling all that money extravagant. Corzine spent about \$140 per vote.

"If he has such little regard for his own money, what regard

## King assassination plot tied with 1966 civil rights slaying

By Timothy R. Brown

**JACKSON, Miss. (AP)** — The latest effort to seek justice for crimes dating back to Mississippi's civil rights struggle has a strange twist in what may have been a plot to kill the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Ernest Henry Avants, 69, of Bogus Chitto, was indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury in the murder of Ben Chester White on June 10, 1966.

The charges were the result of an investigation by the FBI that found White was killed in the Homochitto National Forest.

Avants was tried by a state court in 1967, but acquitted, despite the fact he confessed to the crime. Jurors in that trial



Martin L. King Jr. File photo

were never told about the confession.

Federal prosecutors claimed jurisdiction because the forest is on federal land.

"Under the law and under any decent sense of the history on these matters, no time is too late to vindicate the country's interest in repudiating the kind of violence ... of which Mr. Avants is charged today," U.S. Attorney Brad Pigott said.

This is the first murder case federal prosecutors have pursued in a civil rights-era killing on federal property, he said.

Avants has maintained his innocence. Two other men were accused along with him — James Jones and Claude Fuller. Both are dead.

Jones confessed, but a mis-

trial was declared in his case. Fuller was never tried.

An FBI report described in The Clarion-Ledger newspaper in January said Avants had confessed to participating in White's killing. The report quoted the Adams County Attorney as saying he did not present the confession in court because Avants "had not been advised of his rights against self-incrimination" and had been drinking.

The case was closed after Avants' acquittal, but reopened in November after ABC news program "20/20" reported that White's murder took place on federal property.

The news program said one of the white men confessed to police that White's slaying was orchestrated in the hopes that it would bring civil rights leader

Martin Luther King Jr. to the area so he could be assassinated.

"I was watching this program ... in West Virginia and made the call down here the next day, saying that this case should be opened and pursued," said James Kessler Jr., agent in charge of the FBI in Mississippi. Calls to Avants' home went unanswered Wednesday.

Among other recently reopened cases from that era, former Ku Klux Klan chieftain Sam Bowers was convicted in 1998 for the 1966 firebombing death of Hattiesburg civil rights figure Vernon Dahmer. Byron De La Beckwith is serving a life sentence following his 1994 conviction in the 1963 ambush killing of NAACP field secretary Medgar Evers in Jackson.

## Community Hills: A dawning of a new day in Newark



Federal, state and local officials cut ribbon along with new homeowners. Photo by William E. Frazier

**NEWARK** — New Community Corporation founded in the wake of Newark's summer disorders of 1967, celebrated the opening of model homes called NCC Community Hills, on June 8. The much anticipated ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on the site of the former Hayes Homes public housing for the 206 home ownership townhouses.

The building of these new townhouses is significant of a 180-degree turn of events considering the site of the former Hayes Homes projects is where the '67 disturbance began. On hand to celebrate the occasion was NCC founder Monsignor William J. Linder, federal, state and local government officials along with public and private sector community organizations.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and

*The building of these new townhouses is significant of a 180-degree turn of events considering the site of the former Hayes Homes projects is where the '67 disturbance began.*

Urban Development under a \$24.88 million HOPE I grant, the

13-acre stylish townhouse community will contain 98 tow-bedrooms and 108 three-bedroom townhouses, including some handicapped-accessible homes with a one-floor design. The two-story townhouses feature bedrooms upstairs and living room areas downstairs. Each unit will include carpeting, washer and dryer centralized front-air heating and air conditioning. The development will feature a community meeting and day care center on site, playground areas for resident children and staffed security station.

When completed NCC Community Hills will span both sides of Irvine Turner Boulevard from Prince Street to Boyd Street.

## HUD budget cuts impact communities

By Kelly Foster  
Staff Writer

**WASHINGTON** — In a recent telephone news conference, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo said that proposed budget cuts of \$2 million for the Fiscal Year 2001 budget will have a negative impact on communities nationwide.

The House Appropriations subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies made the cuts last week, significantly reducing spending on HUD programs compared to the request by President Clinton. According to HUD, 5.4 million unassisted, low-income households in the U.S. have "worst-case" housing needs. These households spend over 50 percent of their income on rent or live in substandard housing. HUD said that the President had requested 120,000 rental assistance vouchers, including 100,000 vouchers for new housing units. The full House is expected to vote on the budget

in June. No action has been made yet from the Senate.

Cuomo said that the HUD budget has been a priority for the President the past few years.

"The house budget provides no new housing units, at a time when there is the worst housing situation in history," said Cuomo. "We have the strongest economy and they (House) provided zero new units—it's a travesty."

"This means that that compared to the President's request, HUD programs will not treat more than 100,000 new jobs or provide housing opportunities for more than 130,000 families in need. The budget requested by the Administration for HUD was a modest step in the right direction — one the House should have made a priority to fund."

"This country has a record 5.4 million families who pay more than half their incomes each month for rent. Yet the budget will not result in a single new unit."

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## Emerge Magazine ends after ten years

By Melvin Mooring II

**WASHINGTON (NNPA)** — Emerge magazine, the nation's only major Black news magazine, was suspended last week, leaving Black leaders and journalists across the nation disgruntled and saddened.

"My heart bleeds over the loss," said Frank Dexter Brown, former editor-in-chief of YSB magazine. "For people seeking information analyzing important social and political issues in a mass market publication, this is a tremendous loss."

"Emerge was doing analysis that no other mass-market publication was courageous enough to attempt," Brown added.

It was cancelled by Vanguard Media Inc. a New York-based company that manages the daily operations of several magazines owned by Black Entertainment Television (BET) as a result of a partnership between the two companies.

The 170,000 monthly let go of most of its editorial staff May 31. "Emerge represented a hallmark in African-American publishing," Keith Clinckales, Vanguard's chairman and CEO, said in a statement. "However, a new editorial strategy gives us a unique opportunity to reach a broader readership and improve our business prospects."

Clinckales said it plans to reformat the 10-year-old magazine into a Black lifestyle publication, with a release date sometime next year. The new magazine, which Emerge editor George Savoy will be launched from New York.

Vanguard media director Roy Johnson has appointed Veronica Chambers as executive editor of the new publication.



Robert Johnson Photo courtesy of NNPA

"Our goal is to publish an entertaining magazine with insightful commentary that will inform and empower our communities," said Clinckales.

Johnson said the new periodical "will use a more inviting approach to the issues personalities and trends important to African-Americans," Johnson said.

Curry, who said there had not been a "real discussion" with him about the magazine's was closed down by Vanguard, said it was killed by "a lack of promotional dollars."

Curry, who said he plans to publish his own news magazine in the fall, has discussed with Vanguard media director Roy Johnson the possibility of keeping the Emerge name.

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Republican U.S. Senate candidate Bob Franks File photo

will he have for yours, and your children's, and your parents'?" Franks said.

Corzine easily defeated former Gov. Jim Florio in the Democratic primary, refused to talk about the money spent — or about what he'll put into the fall election.

"Make no mistake, I want to invest in America," Corzine told supporters. "That's what this campaign will be about."

With 98 percent of precincts reporting, Corzine had 246,472 votes, or 58 percent, while Florio had 179,059 votes, or 42 percent.

On the Republican side, Franks edged out a win in a very close four-way race. And in a reprise of a razor-thin victory

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Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Jon Corzine File photo

## Community Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 - JULY 2

LINCROFT - The Monmouth County Park System presents "Anything Goes" and "Nunsense" at 7 p.m. For further information, call (732) 842-4000, ext. 4237.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

NEWARK - New Jersey Historical Society hosts its Summer Exhibitions and Programs/Spring Community Family Festival. For further information, call (973) 596-8500 ext. 244.

NEWARK - The Alliance for Downtown New York presents C. Maxx Stevens at the National Museum of the American Indian. For further information, call (212) 566-6700.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

GARWOOD - Help Our People Excel presents its 2nd Annual Fathers Day Banquet at 4 p.m. For further information, call (908) 486-2753.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

NEWARK - The New Jersey Institute for School Innovation hosts Dr. Henry Levin. For further information, call and times call (973) 621-6631 x. 201.

BEDMINSTER - The Sharing Network hosts a Golf Invitational at 11 a.m. For further information, call (973) 379-4535.

NEW BRUNSWICK - The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a financial management seminar. For more information, call (800) FREE-LAW.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

NEWARK - New Jersey Historical Society presents a guided walking and restaurant tour of the Ironbound. For further information, call (973) 596-8500 ext. 244.

PLAINFIELD - Richmond Towers hosts its annual Spring Cabaret at 8 p.m. For more information, call (908) 756-1963 or (908) 755-0095.

NEW YORK - JUNE 25

NEW YORK - The Alliance for Downtown Newark presents its Liberty Challenge-World Outrigger Championship. For more information, call (212) 566-6700.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

PLAINFIELD - People Empowering People hosts a champagne garden

party at 4 p.m. For further information, call (908) 322-0009.

NEWARK - Monty Python comes to NJPAC. For further information, call (973) 297-5838.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

MAPLEWOOD - Essex County College sponsors scholarship tournament at 1 p.m. For further information, call (973) 877-3050.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

NEWARK - New Jersey historical Society hosts a guided walking tour. For further information, call (973) 596-8500 ext. 243.

BRIDGEWATER - Chamber announces baseball game outing. The picnic and tours are 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. For further information, call (908) 352-0900.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Committee is planning a 4th of July celebration. Festivities start at 4:00 p.m. at Meisel Field. For further information call (908) 352-0900.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

WEST ORANGE - Life Management Inc. presents its second Annual Guardianship Training Program from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For further information, call (973) 855-0537.

## Black Quotes

to live by...



Amiri Baraka

"The African, because of the violent differences between what was native and what he was forced to in slavery, developed some of the most complex and complicated ideas about the world."

Dr. Charles R. Drew  
1904-1950

Dr. Charles R. Drew placed his stake in black history as the creator of the blood bank. Born in Washington, D.C., he graduated from Amherst College in 1926, and later earned his medical degree from McGill University in 1935. He also taught at Howard University in 1935 before conducting his groundbreaking research. During his research at Columbia Medical Center in New York, he discovered that blood plasma could supplant whole blood during transplants. With this knowledge, he set up the first blood bank with the American Red Cross in 1940. Drew was dropped from the American Red Cross when he refused to cooperate with the policy of refusing blacks treatment. His research was later used to save lives in World War II and in hospitals across the world.

Ironically, Drew died in 1950 due to injuries he received during an accident. When he was rushed to the nearest hospital, he was refused a blood transfusion because he was black.

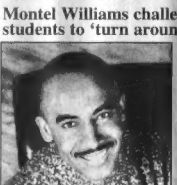
## Actress Halle Berry talks about hit-and-run charge with TV Guide

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Halle Berry compares facing a felony hit-and-run charge to being "dropped off in hell."

The 31-year-old actress was driving through a West Hollywood intersection on Feb. 23, when she ran a red light and collided with another car and then drove off, police said. Last month, Berry was fined \$13,500, placed on three years' probation, and ordered to perform 200 hours of community service after pleading no contest to leaving the scene of an accident.

"I believe I could have fully exonerated myself due to my head injury," Berry tells TV Guide in the June 10 issue. Pleading no contest "was a way to resolve it that felt fair. And I can go through the summer getting back to who I was before I got dropped off in hell."

After the accident, Berry said she didn't go in public for three months because she had nothing to say and didn't want to talk about the incident. And,



## Montel Williams challenges Lehigh University students to 'turn around' careless nation

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — Talk show host Montel Williams skipped the platitudes in a commencement address, challenging Lehigh University graduates to turn around "a nation that doesn't really care."

Williams urged the class of 2000 to define success by helping others as they had been helped to get to this point in their lives.

## Lions Club of Plainfield elects new members

PLAINFIELD — Members of The Lions Club have conducted the election of officers and Board Members, who will begin their one-year term of office on July 1.

The club's president will be Vernon Trotter, of Somerset, a stockbroker employed by a major international firm. He has been associated with the Plainfield club since 1998, having previously been a member of Lions clubs in Texas. During the year 1999-2000, Trotter served as the Plainfield club's vice president.

The Reverend David Quiring, a Chaplain at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, will be the club's vice president in the coming year. A resident of Plainfield, Reverend Quiring has served once before as the club's vice-president as well as having been president of the group. He has been the Sight Conservation Chairman of the club for many years.

Patricia Buckelew, of South Plainfield, will repeat in

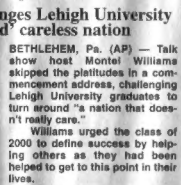


Halle Berry File photo

she added, it was safer for her to stay home.

"I can really understand now what happened to Princess Diana," Berry said.

"When I would get in the car with (boyfriend Eric Benet), I found him going faster to try to lose people. You just want to get away. I didn't like that feeling."



her role as treasurer while Bert Barnett of Plainfield will serve again as club secretary. Other members of the Board of Directors include Diane Gentles, Jack Richards, and "Pete" Brown, all residents of Plainfield as well as Erol Warner, M.D., a Fanwood resident. Brown is completing his third term as club president, having served in that capacity since July 1998.

The club was founded in February, 1922, largely through the efforts of the late local attorney, Harvey Rothberg. In the years that followed, the club has directly or indirectly donated close to one million dollars to local youth organizations, scholarships, and charities as well as having purchased hundreds of pairs of eyeglasses for needy school children and senior citizens.

The club has also arranged for free vision screenings in Plainfield.

For more information, contact Bert Barnett (908) 561-2969.



Brenda Blackmon File photo

CHANGING THE WORLD — Emmy Award-winning UPN 9 News Anchor Brenda Blackmon encouraged over 300 Caldwell College graduates to celebrate the success of their accomplishments during her commencement speech May 21 and advised them to be ready for their next life challenge - to change the world! The college also awarded Blackmon, a Tenafly resident, an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

## Rev. Jesse Jackson starts campaign against HIV

CHICAGO (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson is on the campaign trail again — but not a political one.

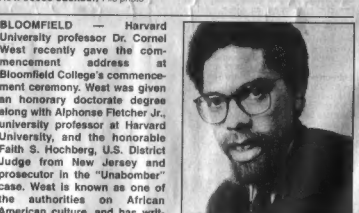
Recently, Jackson took his second HIV test in as many days and encouraged others, especially young black and Hispanic men, to take precautions against HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and to get tested.

"Health is wealth," Jackson said. "Early testing is protection to others in the minority community."

Jackson and about 50 other men took an HIV test at Salem Baptist Church, and were counseled about AIDS. Some 150 other men in the audience said they would get tested later.

A Chicago Health Department report showed a large increase the past few months in AIDS cases among young black and Hispanic men, Jackson said.

Rev. Jesse Jackson File photo



BLOOMFIELD — Harvard University professor Dr. Cornel West recently gave the commencement address at Bloomfield College's commencement ceremony. West was given an honorary doctorate degree along with Alphonse Fletcher Jr., university professor at Harvard University, and the honorable Faith S. Hochberg, U.S. District Judge from New Jersey and prosecutor in the "Unabomber" case. West is known as one of the authorities on African American culture, and has written four books (and became a bestselling author), several articles, and is a circuit speaker.

Cornel West File photo

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## NATIONAL BRIEFS

### NNPA CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The National Newspaper Publishers Association is celebrating its 60th birthday this year with its convention in Chicago. Its founding by 16th Street in Chicago, the first meeting of what was then called the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association was designed to strengthen the common purpose for the benefit of Negro journalism. New times demand new organizations. The old, original NNPA—the National Negro Press Association, founded in 1900—was fading. Since World War I and the Second World War brought with them a stronger sense of the need for Black unity. The first day of the first meeting—February 25, 1960, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel—brought out new, past, and present members. When Defender owner Robert S. Abbott died in the early morning hours prior to the gathering, a bridge had emerged. "Sergeants" had launched an organization that would outlast any previous association of Negro publishers," wrote Black Press Institute Director Carl C. Wilson II and co-author of the book "A History of the Black Press."

### ANHEUSER-BUSCH PARTNERS GEAR UP FOR 2000 URBAN SCHOLARSHIP

NEW YORK — Wayman F. Smith III, vice president of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., recently met with Joseph W. Mack, president of Los Angeles Urban League. Thomas J. Glavin, president of the Urban League of 100 Black Men, Ed Lara, president of Western Black Caucus, and Ron Glavin Jr., Emmy award winner and television producer of "A Celebration of Black Music." Anheuser-Busch is partnering with many local affiliate chapters of the Urban League, 100 Black Men, the NAACP and other community organizations, working year-round to raise money to help urban students receive college educations through the Urban Scholarship program. As part of the company's "Bud Jammin' for Education" fundraising efforts, Anheuser-Busch will present the second annual "A Celebration of Black Music" television special in major markets across the nation this summer. The music extravaganza features popular entertainers representing the full range of Black music genres. The show will help raise money through a phone-in pledge drive encouraging viewers to financially support the scholarship effort.

### VENTURE CAPITAL FUNDS LYING IDLE IN ZAMBIA

LUSAKA, Zambia (PANA) — About \$1.9 million from the Trade and Enterprise Support Facility of the Zambia Venture Capital Fund was lying idle for want of local entrepreneurs. In general, manager, Alex Kalon, told a press briefing here. He said only \$500 was used out of the 2.5 million dollars allocated to the project by the European Union for the past three years. The Trade and Enterprise Support Facility is an organization that offers loan investment in private sector businesses in most sectors of the economy. Kalon said the current harsh economic environment has contributed to the negative attitude towards the facility, as people have not moved forward to start new business ventures. He reiterated the need for a lot more people to come forward and use the facility as the funds were intended to expand their businesses. Under the fund, a businessman is supposed to contribute 30 percent of the cost for a feasibility study, while 70 percent was to be funded by the Trade and Enterprise Support Facility, which can only be paid when a financier for the project is found at no interest. He appealed to businessmen in the country to make use of the facility to develop their enterprises.

### EEOC ATTEMPTS TO SPEED UP SETTLEMENT OF FEDERAL SECTOR BIAS COMPLAINTS

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission recently released a new chapter to its management directive setting forth the authority for settlement of federal sector discrimination disputes. Officials said, "The commission strongly supports the earliest possible settlement of complaints in appropriate cases," said Chairwoman Ida L. Croitor. "By spelling out the standards for settling such cases, this new chapter will enable federal agencies and employees to resolve disputes in a more efficient and expeditious manner." Chapter 12, Settlement Authority, states that agencies have broad authority to settle disputes by applying the full range of remedies a court could order if the case were to go to trial. Moreover, agencies are authorized to enter into settlements of claims brought under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Equal Pay Act, and the Rehabilitation Act without a finding of discrimination or an admission of wrongdoing. The guidance notes that agencies and their employees may be creative in settling disputes. For instance, settlement of complaints may contain monetary payments that are independent of any personnel action, providing that the payment does not exceed the amount of back pay, attorneys' fees, costs or damages the employee would be entitled to in the case if discrimination has been found. The new chapter also points out that settlement of disputes may contain terms affecting the retirement status of the complainant. It explains that, in such cases, all appropriate contributions to the retirement funds must be made. For more information, visit the EEOC web site at [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov).

## Bush under pressure to review death row case

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—The case of Gary Graham, a 36-year-old Texas death row inmate sentenced to be executed June 22, continues to draw national attention, particularly in light of Gov. George W. Bush's earlier statements declaring that no innocent person has ever been executed on death row during his tenure.

A May 26 press conference here, hosted by U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-Ill.) and Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, called for the Republican presidential candidate to review the case and consider clemency.

Graham is accused of slaying Bobby Lambert in 1982. He was sentenced to be executed despite several witnesses providing an alibi and a no-match ballistics report on the gun in Graham's possession when he was arrested.

Each of Graham's five ex-

ecution dates was stayed on appeal. Graham's last appeal to the Supreme Court was denied.

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early last month.

Jackson—who has written a book with his father, the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., on the death



Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr.

penalty—has introduced legislation calling for a national moratorium on executions.

"Since 1976, there have been 600 executions in the United States," Jackson said. "During this same period, 87 people who were sentenced to death were later proven innocent. That means for every seven persons executed, our criminal justice system has found an innocent person was wrongly condemned to die. The system by which we impose the sentence of death is rife with errors."

Carter, the subject of the critically acclaimed film "Hurricane," spent 19 years in prison in New Jersey before he was proven innocent. Joining him and Jackson at the press conference was Darby Tillis, one of 13 recently released Illinois death row prisoners who was proven innocent, sparking a moratorium on executions in that state.

## NACME/MCI WorldCom partnership announced at White House

WASHINGTON D.C. — At a White House meeting of corporate leaders to discuss employment diversity issues, MCI WorldCom announced a new partnership with NACME, the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc. that will significantly boost the number of minority graduates in areas critical to the nation's technological leadership.

MCI WorldCom made a commitment of \$10 million over the next ten years to support expansion of NACME's Math Is Power public service education cam-

paign and to establish a scholarship and internship program for minority students in high tech areas such as telecommunications, networking, information technology and computer engineering.

Under the grant, NACME will also develop and manage the information technology industry's Digital Opportunity Initiative, a program established last year at the request of the Clinton Administration by the Information Technology Association of America.

NACME's Math Is Power

campaign speaks directly to students and their families about the importance of taking advanced mathematics and science courses and encourages them to demand access to those courses. Through the [www.mathispower.org](http://www.mathispower.org) web site and direct mail materials, NACME provides advice on course selection and connects students and teachers to local and online math programs, including MCI WorldCom's Marco Polo program.

Rather than rely on standardized tests, which do not

accurately assess student ability, NACME uses an interactive assessment process to identify promising students and then provides intensive academic and professional development programs to ensure their success. This comprehensive approach has yielded unparalleled results, with graduation rates for NACME Scholars that are considerably higher than the national average for all engineering students. NACME alumni go on to successful careers in industry, government and academia.

## NASA makes investments in the Black community

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has been expressing interest in minorities by investing their time, money and resources into minority communities in order to bridge the gap in the digital divide.

NASA's examples of its commitment included an astronaut Internet chat, a grant to Hampton University, U.S. Air Force flight training for people of color and a new laboratory at a predominantly Black college.

In conjunction with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, NASA, on May 24, held a special discussion over the Internet between children living in HUD assisted housing and the space shuttle Atlantis. The discussion was an attempt to breed interest in the less fortunate youths. This was the first in what will hopefully become a series of regular chat sessions between the children and NASA engineers and scientists.

In addition, NASA has also joined forces with the US Air Force to fund flight training for minority Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps Candidates. NASA will fund one of two three-week flight-training programs for 18 Air Force Cadets who plan to pursue engineering, mathematics, and science degrees.

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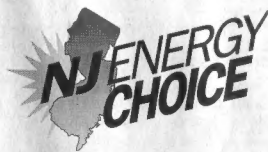
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## The lucrative business of Black leadership

• **Media hogging.** They frantically maneuver to command center stage at press conferences, get their pictures and quotes in news stories and features, and put their media spin on racial issues. This further solidifies their position as anointed Black leaders.

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# Business

## Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

**JERSEY CITY** - New Jersey City University hosts "How To Finance Your College or Graduate Education." For further information, call (201) 200-3189.

**TRIENTON** - The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce presents their upcoming conference entitled "E-Business: Moving @ Net-Speed Conference & Expo." For further information call (609) 999-7888.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 16

**ISELIN** - The New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators hosts a statewide program on conflict resolution at the Shesler. For more information, call (202) 214-8500.

### MONDAY, JUNE 19

**JERSEY CITY** - New Jersey City University sponsors a women's self-esteem group at 6 p.m. For further information, call (201) 200-3189.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 17

**NEW YORK** - The 2000 Black Expo will be held at the Jacob Javits Convention Center, through June 18. For more information, call (212) 234-3400.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 20

**NEWARK** - The SCORE Association presents a seminar on "Starting and Managing Your Own Business," from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (973) 645-3282.

**NEW YORK** - The Roosevelt Hotel hosts a power breakfast seminar, from 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. For more information, call (646) 235-1110.

**NEWARK** - NASA presents a presentation on how to grow a business. For more information, call (508) 870-0402.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

**PRINCETON** - The African-American Chamber of Commerce presents its Third Annual Golf Classic at 8 a.m. For further information, call (609) 393-6033.

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## FleetBoston Financial announces \$2 billion initiative

NEW YORK — FleetBoston Financial recently announced a special \$2 billion financing and investment initiative over five years, dedicated to ensuring the growth of women-owned businesses.

The initiative also marks the launch of the Women Entrepreneurs' Connection in New York and Fleet's commitment to support women-owned businesses. A special unit of the Small Business Services group at Fleet, the Women Entrepreneurs' Connection ("the Connection") is designed to serve the unique needs of women business owners and entrepreneurs by connecting them to sources of capital, technical assistance and other resources.

"Today's announcement tells women business owners and entrepreneurs that we recognize their contributions and want to be a catalyst and partner to their future successes. We intend to be the bank of choice for women-owned businesses throughout the Northeast," said Robert J. Higgins, President of Commercial and Retail Banking at Fleet.

Key to that commitment is the Connection's promotion of women entrepreneurs in all stages of their careers, from the Gen-Y entrepreneur-in-training to the CEO of a dynamic, thriving business.

For example, Fleet announced that it is financially backing groundbreaking research study on growth-oriented businesses, popularly described as "gazelles," from a particular focus on fast-growing women-owned firms.

Conducted by the National Foundation for Women Business Owners, a non-profit research institute, the study will seek to learn more about the women-owned businesses which are growing at multiples of the national average, in order to provide critical tools and information for women entrepreneurs.

Fleet is also announcing its role as national bank partner with Independent Means, the leading provider of financial experiences, information and learning products helping Gen-Y girls — aged 13 to 21 years — attain financial expertise, confidence and independence.

At the end of 1999, there were 9.1 million women-owned businesses in the U.S., accounting for 38% of all companies doing business, \$2.6 trillion in sales, and 27.5 million employees.

"Women business owners have asked for a central place to go to for resources to help sustain and grow their businesses. Our announcement today of both funding and dedicated information resources underscores our commitment and substantial investment in this group of small business owners," said Norman J. DeLuca, Managing Director of Small Business Services at Fleet.

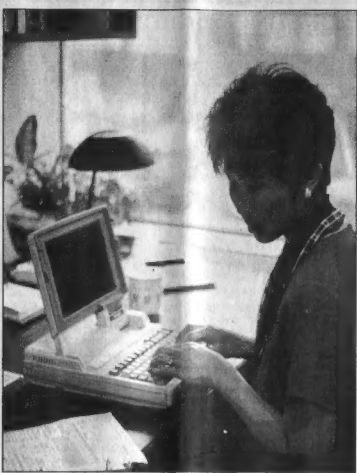
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"This is a watershed moment for women entrepreneurs throughout the Northeast. They now have a direct link to resources within one of the nation's largest banks, as well as to other resources available nationwide that are dedicated to the needs of women business owners. The Connection gives women everywhere true connections inside the business world," said Cavanaugh.

Key components of the Connection's programs include access to:

- capital, both debt and equity
  - information and research
  - agencies, organizations and programs that focus on issues important to women business owners and entrepreneurs
- The \$2 billion is now available in part through Business Credit Express, a loan program that guarantees a same-day response to a simple, one-page application if the completed application is received by 3:00 p.m. Term loans and lines of credit for amounts up to \$100,000 are included in this product offering. In addition, larger loans and lines of credit, as well as commercial mortgages and U.S. Small Business Administration

## Read between the lines while day trading

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Day Trading has become big business. It's no wonder, considering that advertisements for some day trading systems and advisory services make investing look like a virtual bonanza where everyone's a winner. Unfortunately, most day traders lose money — sometimes far more than they can afford to lose.

But if one thing's certain about stocks, commodities, futures, options and similar investments, it's that they're uncertain. Any company that guarantees huge earnings is feeding you a load of bull.

Day traders spend their time at computer screens, quickly buying and selling investments within a single day — sometimes within just a few hours or minutes — and reacting to continual market swings. They trade in the hope that their investments will soar in value in the short time they hold them, and net them quick profits.

Often they use computerized systems or advisory services that claim to be able to predict the markets.

No doubt about it, this is a risky business. Despite the picture of investing success painted by some day trading companies' ads, far more day traders lose money than make it. Some traders lose big, forfeiting their student loan money, second mortgages or retirement funds. In addition, people who trade on margin or sell short risk lose much more than their investment. Every time investors make a trade, they pay a commission. That's true whether they buy or sell and whether they make money or lose it.

Learning the language of day trading can help you separate fact from fantasy when reading an ad or listening to a commercial.

If the ad promises... "The potential to make a six or seven figure annual income from trading is at the ends of your fingertips."

Remember that... It's dangerous to fall for extravagant profit claims. Many are based on hypothetical performance, meaning they no one has ever really made. And it's far

from certain that a bona fide trader will be able to place the same trades as the hypothetical trader. Actual results may not match the hypothetical performance, and even trading advisors with a long track record of success can lose a fortune suddenly.

If the ad promises... "The absolute best trading system with a profit-to-loss ratio of 12-to-1 and an average return better than 16 percent per trade..."

Remember that... Even if the system really has had such success, past performance is no guarantee of future results and nobody — not even financial experts — can guarantee what the market is going to do from day to day or even minute to minute. No matter how strong the market may seem and how solid a particular company may appear, prices can skyrocket or plummet faster than you can say "Wall Street."

If the ad promises... "Our software signals precisely when to buy and when to sell a particular security, allowing you the opportunity to make money regardless of the market going up or down..."

Remember that... As tempting as it might be to leave your investment decisions in the hands of a software program, the ultimate responsibility for protecting your investment belongs to you. No matter how sophisticated a system for evaluating investments might sound, there's no way to guarantee the future performance of investments.

If there were, you can be sure that the software developers would be making their money using their programs themselves, not promoting it to others!

If the ad promises... "Our recommendations returned an average annual return of 250 percent. If you can just follow our recommendations, you will make money."

Remember that... There's no fail-safe way to invest without any risk. High-yield investments tend to involve high risk. Be particularly suspicious of sales pitches that play down risk or portray written risk disclosures as routine formalities.



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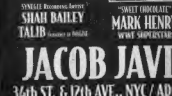
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## The Gospel Insider

By Diane Blackmon

### JUNE IS BLACK MUSIC MONTH

In honor of Black Music Month, the column is happy and proud to salute the Rev. James Cleveland, a pioneer of Gospel music. A child prodigy, the late Rev. James Edward Cleveland began playing the piano when he was five years old. Reared by a family too poor to afford a piano, Cleveland practiced on the window sill, maintaining the ledge with black and white keys. By the age of eight, young James was a featured soloist for the Junior Gospel Choir at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, under the direction of the father of Gospel music, Thomas A. Dorsey. During the 1950's, Cleveland played the piano and arranged for Albertina Walker's Caravans, which solidified his reputation as an emerging second generation gospel star. Claiming to be "part Baptist, part sanctified," Cleveland composed over 500 songs. His first gospel recording "Pete Be Still" sold over 800,000 copies.

### IN GOSPEL BOOK NEWS

Gospel Insider recommends "Faith Works" by Jim Wallis. In his book Wallis focuses on lessons learned from his activist father. His essays cover a range of subjects from poverty to social responsibility.

Helen Baylor is working on her autobiography. Her next music project is scheduled for release this summer.

### IN GOSPEL MUSIC

Hezekiah Walker's Love Fellowship Tabernacle Choir recorded their second project at the Brooklyn American Evangelist Shirley Caesar is currently organizing her annual summer convention. The convention will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina July 10-14. Caesar will be joined by Donnie McClurkin and several other gospel artists for this event.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14-17 is the First Annual State Singing Quartette Convention of Louisiana. Recording artist and motivation speaker Ed Gray is scheduled to appear. If you are interested in providing sponsorship or participating, please contact event coordinator Joy Arkwright at Lula Bradford at (318) 673-7581 or (318) 424-0722.

Gospel Insider will be in Vallejo, CA on June 17 to celebrate Juneteenth. There will be performance by gospel artists and prize giveaways.

Dr. Penny's African American Women on Tour 2000, one of the nation's leading empowerment conferences for black women, will be on the road this summer. This year's tour includes workshops on improving health, making career advancements and creating balance in one's personal life. For more information call 1-800-560-AAWT.

**National Top 5 Gospel Insider/KFXX 106.3 FM in Lafayette, LA. Top 5 Gospel picks**

1. "Put Your Trust in God" - Mississippi Mass Choir 2. "Battlefield" - Norm Hutchinson 3. "Get It Together" - Jon Gibson 4. "My Relationship" - James Moore 5. "Jesus Be A Fence" - Fred Hammond.

### TOP TEN RESULTS

Listen to Gospel Insider daily show and Gospel Insider 2000 "Weekend Edition" this month to find out whether or not your Pastor or Congregation was voted as one of the Top 10 in the nation.

Diane Blackmon is Executive Producer and host of the nationally syndicated radio shows Gospel Insider and Gospel Insider 2000. A nationally syndicated newspaper columnist, she is also the Founder/Executive Producer of the Black University Radio Network.

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## Ministers on Wall Street catalyst for economic change

NEW YORK — Thirty ministers from throughout the United States have completed the inaugural "Ministers on Wall Street — PUSH for Economic Liberty" seminar held recently in New York.

"Religious leaders are in a position to educate their congregation on financial matters," said Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., founder and president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. "Financial literacy training will empower them to help others eliminate personal debt and discourage exclusionary corporate policy."

The ministers who attended the historical session represent more than 100,000 Americans. Bishop William T. Cohoon of the Church of God in Christ said, "My visit at the New York Stock Exchange with the ministers on Wall Street Project was enlightening, informative and educational. Thank you Rainbow/PUSH and Rev. Jackson."

Rev. Raquel St. Clair, the Director of St. James Christian Learning Center of Newark, said, "The Ministers on Wall Street was an excellent program. It has greatly helped to focus and develop our financial management courses and further strengthen our curriculum."

Rev. Delmon Coates, Youth Minister of The Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark commented, "This partnership between the



Rev. William Watley File photo

Rev. Jesse Jackson Herb Glenn

faith community and the New York Stock Exchange will serve to replace barriers with bridges in the area of financial literacy and economic development."

"The time on Wall Street was well spent. I am confident that much of what I have learned will enhance my efforts to minister to people of God," said Rev. William D. Watley, Ph.D., Senior Pastor of St. James AME Church in Newark.

The ministers training in the science of the market is just the part of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition's One Thousand Churches Connected program, an initiative that seeks to establish or support

finance ministries in the nation's top 50 cities with large minority populations. The curriculum will teach congregation members how to get out of debt, save, become homeowners and invest for the future. "Bringing together the leadership of congregations from all corners of America is truly inspiring," said NYSE Chairman and CEO Richard A. Grasso.

Rev. Jackson said, "It is a source of joy to see these ministers make our movement for economic justice a mass movement finally! This is the fourth stage of our struggle for freedom. The first

stage was to end slavery. The churches were the railway station for the Underground Railroad, led often by ministers like Denmark Vesey. The second stage was to end legal segregation, led by ministers like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Rev. Leon Sullivan, Rev. Ralph Abernathy and Rev. Joseph Lowery. The third phase was securing the right to vote, led by Dr. King in churches like Brown Chapel AME Church in Selma, Alabama. And now, these church leaders, who direct large congregations, came to Wall Street in the fourth stage of the movement for economic empowerment. The church has been central to every phase of the journey from slavery to emancipation. It has been key to mobilizing and changing mass consciousness. The training of ministers on Wall Street to open up capital markets is key to this historic, fourth stage of the movement for economic inclusion."

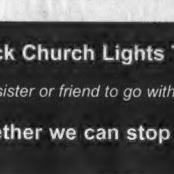
Ministers who are interested in participating in the One Thousand Churches Connected program are invited to attend the national convention of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition July 26-29th at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, where workshops on the initiative will be conducted. For additional information, contact Gary Flowers, National Field Director, Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, at (773) 373-3366.

nectant, who have a message, a sound and a look that connects the spirit, power, and joy of gospel music.

"It's like being born again... it's a joyful feeling," said Moore. "Everyone is so excited and it feels like a worship."

Moore began her professional career in the recording industry as a backup singer with such great musicians as Valerie Simpson and Nick Ashford, and singing behind such re-vival artists as Aretha Franklin.

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## Black churches call for African-Americans to get tested for AIDS

NEW YORK — A new battle in the war to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS in African-American communities began in June with the launching of "The Black Church Lights The Way: The Black Church HIV Testing Campaign," a national effort

using the power and prestige of churches to motivate African-Americans to take the HIV test.

"In the case of HIV/AIDS, ignorance can be fatal," said Bernessa C. Seale, founder/CEO of The Balm In Gilead, which is organizing the campaign with the sponsorship of Glaxo Wellcome.

"One reason HIV is spreading like wildfire in Black communities is that people don't know they have the disease," said Seale. "We need people to take an HIV test. If they test positive, they need to get treatment. If they test negative, they need information and encouragement to stay that way."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 300,000 Americans are living with HIV/AIDS and don't know it. CDC reports that AIDS is the leading cause of death for African-American men and women aged 25 to 44.

Furthermore, although African-Americans account for only 13 percent of the US population, in 1998 they accounted for 45 percent of new AIDS cases and 49 percent of AIDS deaths. In terms of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, the CDC estimates that African-

American people comprise 57 percent of new cases of HIV and that one in 50 African-American men and one in 160 African-American women are living with the virus. "The Black Church Lights The Way" seeks to connect African-Americans with local HIV testing sites and to help African-Americans become community centers for HIV information and for compassion for individuals and families affected by the epidemic. The campaign includes commercials on network television, along with advertisements in African-American newspapers and on gospel radio stations. Additionally, The Balm In Gilead will provide churches with free resource kits to help them educate their congregations and communities on the importance of HIV testing. The campaign features a toll free number, (888) 225-6243, which people can call to find out how to get a free HIV test or free information and resources.

The grassroots activities will culminate in Newark on June 23 at The St. James AME Church. The event will feature key members of the religious and medical communities. The Rev. J. Clinton Reynolds, pastor of Bethel AME Church, has committed to getting tested on the site mobile unit. The event will also feature a gospel ensemble, a candle lighting service of commitment and a profound presentation by Newark's Power Kids.



Keesom Johnson is a member of The Power Kids

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## Awareness levels of energy choice remain above targets, reports says

**Latest round of research shows substantial increase in awareness among Hispanics and African-Americans**

**NEWARK** — Awareness levels of New Jersey's electric and natural gas restructuring program jumped significantly among African-American and Hispanic consumers over the past three months, according to a research report approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

The latest round of research indicates that 83.7 percent of the general consumer population reports having heard, heard or seen information about energy restructuring in New Jersey. The research was conducted by The Center for Research and Public Policy, which serves as an independent consultant to the NJBPU.

"We are pleased with the results of the research report both in our maintenance of high awareness levels and in the increased depth of knowledge among consumers," said New Jersey Board of Public Utilities President Herb H. Whitman.

The research report indicates that we remain ahead of schedule. Among Hispanics, the awareness figure was at 61 percent, more than six percentage points higher than awareness levels measured in a research report that was approved by the NJBPU in February.

Awareness levels among African-Americans increased to

73 percent after measuring 69 percent in the February 2000 report.

Awareness measurements exceed original targets, which expected that at least 65 percent of the State's general consumer population would be aware of energy restructuring by this point.

Consumer knowledge of the restructuring process also rose in the most recent round of research. Primary methods used in the research were a series of telephone surveys and focus group discussions.

Findings include the following:

- 88.8 percent of consumers are aware of the need to call their current electric or natural gas supplier in the case of an emergency, regardless of which company supplies their energy (up from 81.1 percent).

- 83.4 percent of consumers are aware that delivery of electric and natural gas will remain the responsibility of the local distribution utility (up from 79.8 percent).

- 91.5 percent of consumers are aware that restructuring and energy competition means that consumers will have the ability to compare prices between current energy suppliers.

- 94.7 percent of consumers

are aware that restructuring means that they have the ability to choose a new energy supplier.

New Jersey's energy restructuring program provides consumers an automatic five percent rate reduction on their electric bills and the ability to shop around for a new electric supplier. All New Jersey consumers could begin shopping around for a new company to supply natural gas on January 1, 2000.

The report was the third to monitor the success and progress of the New Jersey Energy Choice consumer education program. The program is designed to teach the public about electric and gas restructuring. A total of eight research reports will monitor the consumer education program over the next 18 months. Results from the research are used to guide the New Jersey Energy Choice program.

Research measured several different areas, including awareness of deregulation in New Jersey and the New Jersey Energy Choice consumer education program, consumer perceptions on energy reliability, consumer awareness of consumer rights, the impact of restructuring on rate access, and environmental factors.

## HMFA to finance construction of new homes in urban areas

**TRENTON** — The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency recently approved funding awards for the successful applicants under Phase VI of Gov. Christie Whitman's Urban Home Ownership Recovery Program. Phase VI will provide construction financing for the construction of single-family homes and rehabilitate 34 for-sale homes in seven development areas across the state.

Construction financing for UORHP projects is provided by HMFA in partnership with private-commercial lenders.

"The goal of UORHP is to encourage mixed-income ownership, stimulate growth and to stabilize the state's urban neighborhoods," stated Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Jane M. Kenney. "In partnering with private lenders we are able to leverage additional resources to create an even better state for New Jersey's families to live in."

HMFA's unique inter-creditor agreement creates a partnership with commercial lenders to provide funding for the construction of single-family homes and home buyer mortgages in distressed urban neighborhoods throughout the

state. UORHP provides municipalities, developers and other interested parties the opportunity to apply for construction loan eligibility, subsidy funds, and below market rate permanent loans in one application process.

UORHP Phase VI will provide financing for the construction of single family and two-family units in urban neighborhoods in four cities. The two-family units contain a rental component for tenants earning low to moderate incomes. The developments will contain a mixture of market rate units and homes affordable to low and moderate-income home buyers.

"UORHP has not only been successful in providing for-sale homes in our urban areas, but also in providing valuable construction jobs that strengthen the state's economy," said HMFA Executive Director Deborah De Santis. "We are proud to be involved in financing new home ownership opportunities in our cities."

Since its first funding phase in June 1996, UORHP has financed the construction of over 2,250 units in developments across the state. To date, UORHP, in partnership with 16 private lenders, has provided a

total of \$164 million in construction financing and subsidy funds.

HMFA also offers 100 percent financing program for developments approved in UORHP Phase VI. Through HMFA's 100 percent Financing Program, qualified home buyers can receive below-market-rate mortgages with no money down.

The 100 percent Financing Program allows hard-working families who may have a difficult time saving for a down payment to now purchase a home, stated De Santis. HMFA creates and implements programs to advance the rehabilitation, construction and financing of affordable housing for the state's residents, lenders, developers and contractors. HMFA secures program funding and operating expenses through the sale of taxable and non-taxable bonds to private and public investors, and is not dependent upon funding from the state treasury.

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## Payne says incident provides need for 'Good Samaritan' law

**NEWARK** — Assemblyman William D. Payne said recently a Seton Hall security guard's failure to intervene in a violent abduction near the campus on Thursday will generate renewed interest in legislation that would establish criminal penalties for witnesses who fail to report violent crimes to authorities.

Payne said his legislation may have prompted the security guard to act more responsibly to avert the tragic struggle between 24-year-old Christopher Honrath and his ex-girlfriend, Shalyah Hope Massachi, 23. Honrath abducted Massachi near the Seton Hall campus in South Orange, forced her into his car and then drove her to his apartment in Westfield, where he shot his girlfriend in the back of the head before killing himself.

Witnesses to the abduction had pleaded with nearby campus security guard to help. They said the guard did not call police and refused to intervene. Westfield police say the security guard's inaction cost previous lives.

"The guard's failure to respond was a crime itself," said Payne (D-Edm.). "It's sheer depravity of this case underlines why this state needs a 'good Samaritan' law to compel witnesses to come to call police."

Law enforcement authorities reported that Honrath, Massachi's ex-boyfriend, was found dead of an apparent suicide behind his bedroom door with Massachi lying nearby, gravely wounded. Massachi died later at University Hospital in Newark.

"This helpless young woman was violently attacked and abducted while people did nothing — the insensitivity of these individuals should be punishable by law," said Payne. "Now more than ever, New Jersey should join the vanguard of states that have enacted 'good Samaritan'



Assemblyman William Payne File photo

laws, which allow us a way of ensuring basic human decency."

Payne first introduced his bill (A-252) after Sherrie Iverson, a 7-year-old California girl, was raped and strangled to death in 1997 in a bathroom stall in Nevada. The girl's

**"This helpless young woman was violently attacked and abducted while people did nothing — the insensitivity of these individuals should be punishable by law."**

— Assemblyman William Payne

murder case has spurred widespread public interest in "good Samaritan" laws that would require bystanders to take action when witnessing a violent crime.

In a violent crime such as the one involving Sherrie Iverson, inaction on the part of a witness is a criminal act in itself," said Payne. "Society simply can't tolerate the sheer cowardice and

indifference of David Cash Jr., which led to the death of this innocent child."

"There is no such thing as a right to ignore crime, especially when an innocent person is being victimized," said Payne. "All citizens have a duty to call police if they see or hear a violent crime taking place. It's time New Jersey made such responsibility legally binding."

Honrath had a history of fighting with Massachi, and the couple had obtained court restraining orders against each other. Police said Honrath had violated the orders several times.

Payne said he was upset to learn that New Jersey — like Nevada — has no law to compel witnesses to report crimes. Last September, he made a public commitment to sponsor the "good Samaritan" law so witnesses would be responsible to offer assistance or call police when a violent crime occurs. At least three states have such laws on the books.

His bill would criminalize the failure of a witness to report a crime when the victim is exposed to "bodily injury." Under the bill, witnesses would be required to report violence as soon as reasonably practicable, provided the person can report the crime without danger to himself or other persons.

A witness who fails to report a crime would be guilty of a fourth-degree offense, which is punishable by up to 18 months in jail and \$10,000 in fines.

Assembly Associate Minority Leader Charles "Ken" Zisa (D-Bergen), who also serves as police chief in Hackensack, has signed onto the bill as Payne's co-sponsor.

"Experience in New Jersey has shown us that we risk more tragedies similar to what happened to Shalyah Massachi in Westfield if a 'good Samaritan' law is not placed on the books," said Payne.

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— Paul Robeson

## General Assembly passes bill targeting unscrupulous sports agents

**TRENTON** — The General Assembly recently passed legislation that Assembly Deputy Democratic Leader Neil M. Cohen sponsored to crack down on abusive and fraudulent practices by sports agents who sign high school and college athletes to exploitative contractual deals.

"The time has come for the state to take a concerted effort to establish some rules for sports agents so they don't ruin the lives of young amateur athletes who have the potential to eventually win a job with a professional team," said Cohen (D-Union).

The bill (A-1094) would place New Jersey in the vanguard of states that have begun to register or license individuals who attempt to broker the services of professional and amateur athletes.

families have been ripped off by sports agents.

"This bill would protect all classes and ages of athletes from potential exploitation by individuals who pass themselves off as sports agents," said Cohen. "Whether an agent has a 13-year-old tennis 'phenom' or a professional football player as a client, they will be scrutinized by this legislation."

Under the bill, individuals, including licensed attorneys who recruit or solicit athletes to enter into sports services contracts, would be required to register with a seven-member "New Jersey Athlete Agent Regulatory Board." The oversight panel would be part of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the State Department of Law and Public Safety.

The bill also would require prospective agents to post a \$100,000 surety bond or a certificate of insurance stating that he or she carries \$500,000

worth of malpractice insurance.

"By requiring agents to post a bond or carry insurance, an athlete who gets ripped off in a bad contract will have a pool of assets to tap into as compensation," said Cohen. "Right now, victims of sports agents' hustlers have little chance to recoup any losses of money resulting from a bad deal or contract."

Cohen said the most common form of abuses in the sports industry involves young amateur athletes and their parents, who sign a services contract that gives the agent a lump-sum portion of the profits from any future deal with a professional team or corporate sponsor.

The bill requires agents to comply with all requirements of the state Uniform Securities Law, when acting as investment advisors or broker-dealers.

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# Local Briefs

## AMID CHARGES OF RACISM, NJ REPUBLICAN CENSUS BILL PASSES

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Ignoring charges that the bill was racist, lawmakers on Monday approved a measure aimed at forcing the state to use only an actual head count when redrawing legislative districts. The bill bars the use of any statistics other than the state's population count from this year's census. Democrats and other opponents contend the method backed by Republicans undercounts minorities, especially in urban and inner-ring cities. "It is tantamount to a poll tax," said Assemblyman Neil Gill, "It is another attempt to do what they could not do at Salma on 'Bloody Sunday' when we said we would vote." Lawmakers voted 42-34 along strict party lines following a raucous debate. The bill now heads to the Senate, where Republicans also outnumber Democrats. Gov. Christine Whitman, also a Republican, has not taken a position on the bill, said her spokesman, Gene Herman. Similar bills have been approved in five states — Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas and Virginia, according to the New York Times. All of the bills have been introduced by Republicans and all lines. During last Monday's party debate, Democrats argued that statistical sampling is more accurate than traditional head counting. They also accused Republicans of using the census to retaliate to the fears of recent immigrants and ignorant of statistical methods. The U.S. Census Bureau said that Paul Corroll defended the measure, saying "The U.S. Census Bureau will never use a sample to conduct accurate head counts. All forms of sampling produce some margin of error, and none can match the accuracy provided by the head count." The U.S. Census Bureau will give the state two results — one the actual head count of residents with a 1 percent margin of error, and another based on census and an estimate based on that data and statistical models. The U.S. Census Bureau said that sampling-enhanced numbers cannot be used to draw the number of congressional representatives from each state.

## HANDICAPPED CHILD KILLED IN PATERSON FIRE

PATERSON (AP) — An 8-year-old boy died in a fire that destroyed his home Tuesday night in the living room of his family's home, officials said. At least 15 people, including the boy's mother and sister — who were sleeping — were rescued from the fire, which began around 1:30 a.m. on Monday. Fire investigators have not determined the cause of the fatal fire, but believe that it started in a monitor since suffering an asthma attack when he was 2 years old.

## IKEA ANNOUNCES HOTEL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

ELIZABETH — The furniture retailer Ikea is the latest business to announce plans to build a hotel complex in Elizabeth. The announcement comes as the heels of Marriott International Inc. and a hotel partnership, which have already announced plans to build hotel properties near the Jersey Gardens Mall. Ikea's plans call for hotels, restaurants, and a convention center. Builders for the project said development of 150 rooms is being planned on 20 acres of land on Ikea's Elizabeth Center on I-95, on Center Drive off North Avenue East and Turnpike interchange 13A.

## MARATHON RUNNER HONORED

PLAINFIELD — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders recently recognized resident Brian Buffalo, Freeholder Lewis Frickinger Jr. said, "Mr. Buffalo is my real claim to Plainfield. After speaking with him recently, I learned he is also a marathon runner who gets up at 5 a.m. to run 10 miles in the Watchung Reservation on weekdays and 14 miles on weekends. This is in addition to his mail route. I don't think he mind me saying that he is 50 years old and has a goal of running a marathon in each of the 50 United States." In a resolution sponsored by Frickinger Mingo, Buffalo was also cited for finishing his 50th marathon recently and completing the Hartford Marathon in 3 hours and 14 minutes, his best time so far. "Mr. Buffalo exemplifies the ideal of not letting age limit your goals. He has a goal to run in a marathon in each state. We are proud to recognize him for his achievements and dedication toward reaching a new goal," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan.

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NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A surgeon has filed a lawsuit on behalf of doctors throughout the New Jersey, accusing the state's largest managed care plan of harassing doctors who decide not to join its provider network.

The lawsuit, pending in state Superior Court in Somerville, claims Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey refuses to directly pay the doctors on claims for services. The lawsuit charges Horizon pays its network doctors directly but sends payments for services by non-network doctors to their patients. The doctors then must collect the money from the patients, a situation that creates an additional cost the doctors must bear, the lawsuit said.

Paul Vessa, the Bedminster surgeon who filed the lawsuit, said he hopes the lawsuit will be granted class-action status to cover all doctors in New Jersey. Vassa, 42, opened his practice seven years ago and said he at first joined every plan he could. But he said he eventually came to feel the quality of care he was able to offer patients was limited because of pressure from insurers. Vassa said the atmosphere eventually caused him and his

business partner to drop out of the plans. He said he wants insurers to treat in-network providers and out-of-network providers as equals.

*"You shouldn't be financially penalized for a decision on how you want to practice. I'm still as busy, but I feel a lot better when I walk out of the (examining) room that I haven't shorted somebody."*  
— Paul Vessa

"You shouldn't be financially penalized for a decision on how you want to practice," Vessa said. "I'm still as busy, but I feel a lot better when I walk out of the (examining) room that I haven't shorted somebody." But Horizon will dispute

Vessa's claim, said Fred Hillman, a company spokesman. Hillman also said the company's would also said that Vessa's lawsuit be dismissed because it has no merit and because it doesn't qualify as a class action.

About 12,100 physicians are affiliated with Horizon's managed care plan.

Like Vessa, many doctors in New Jersey, especially specialist surgeons, say they have reduced their enrollment in managed health plans.

Michael Lospinuo, a spine surgeon who practices in Red Bank, said he has been dropping out of some managed care plans because of hassles including shrinking reimbursements and paperwork.

"It is the aggravation, the lack of reward, the disgruntlement of the patients. It delays the care; it delays the outcome," he said.

Vessa's lawsuit comes at a time when medical groups are increasingly willing to fight insurers in court and in legislation.

"There's a lot of angst out there," said Robert Conroy, special counsel to the New Jersey

will step forth to take its place." Jim Chapel, chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.), said his group "were added to see any publication of this sort stop circulating."

"Of course we support Bob Johnson's decision regarding all of the enterprises he and BET are addressing," he added.

On the NABJ listserve, a group e-mail for NABJ members, St. Louis Post-Dispatch columnist Greg Freeman said he was "shocked and extremely disappointed" about Emerg's demise.

"In my humble opinion, we need another Black 'lifestyle' magazine like we need a hole in the head," he wrote. "Emerg was the only serious Black news magazine, and now it seems that the 's' being yanked from under us."

Wayne Dawkins, an editorial

Medical Society. "There will probably be a lot of other suits," Paul Langevin, president of the New Jersey Association of Health Plans, which represents nine of the state's biggest health insurers, said he has seen an increase in lobbying on part of doctors.

The California Medical Association is suing that state's three largest for-profit health insurers, claiming the companies have forced doctors to provide less-than-adequate health care to patients. That lawsuit, filed last month in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, claims the companies impose unfair contract terms, deny and delay payments for medically necessary treatments and deliberately underpay doctors. The CMA also charges the companies with fraud under the civil provisions of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, or RICO.

A class-action lawsuit similar to the one in California has been filed against health insurance companies in Alabama.

Some juvenile sexual offenders have been subject to Meek's Law, which requires that authorities release the offender's name to police and sometimes neighbors.

## Teen sentenced to four years for rape

PATERSON (AP) — As part of an unusual plea agreement, a Clifton teenager was sentenced to four years in a juvenile detention center and had his name released to the public after admitting he raped a 4-year-old girl.

Brent Hurwicz, 17, pleaded guilty in April to aggravated sexual assault and recently received the maximum sentence possible for a juvenile first-degree offense.

The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office agreed to keep the Clifton High School student's case out of adult court, where he would have faced up to 20 years in prison.

In exchange, Hurwicz agreed to have his name released at his sentencing, although a juvenile's name typically is kept confidential during criminal proceedings.

He must serve one-third of his sentence, or 1 1/2 years, before he will be eligible for parole.

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It caused controversy when its cover featured a caricatured image of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas as a junkie.

Other magazines under the Vanguard umbrella include Honey, a fashion magazine for women of color; Heart & Soul, a health lifestyle magazine for African Americans; Impact, Record & Retail, a trade weekly, and BET Weekend, a nationally distributed Sunday newspaper supplement.

Emerg was the third prominent attempt in two decades to create and maintain a national Black news publication. In the early 1980s, The National Leader, a national Black weekly newspaper, ceased publication in under two years.

In 1993 at the end of one term as governor because he raised taxes by \$ 2.8 billion. He called Corzine a "threat to democracy" and accused him of buying the election.

On Tuesday, still complaining, he said he would nevertheless support Corzine against Frank's.

Corzine's primary spending shattered the previous U.S. record for a Senate campaign — \$30 million — spent by Republican Michael Huffington in his losing 1994 bid in California.

The former chief executive of Sun Microsystems, Corzine raised \$2.5 million for the campaign. The rest came from his own pocket. His personal fortune is estimated at \$400 million.

Criticism of the primary spending didn't seem to bother many voters. Pamela Ogens of Democratic organization Campaign Bikes said Corzine had a right to spend money he earned. "He wasn't born into wealth, which to me makes a big difference," she said.

## Emerge

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bureau chief of The Chicago Tribune. "The whole staff is ready to come with me."

"Our community deserves to have a magazine of substance as well as entertainment magazines," added Curry, who, ironically, was recently named president of the American Society of Magazine Editors. Curry is the first African-American and non-New York-based president of the group.

Other Black journalists agreed that Blacks need national news publications.

"There are a sufficient number of issues in the African American community that could

be used in the magazine," said Dorothy Gilliam, director of the Young Journalist Development Project at The Washington Post.

Added the former National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) president and Post columnist, "I hope that they are able to revive a magazine like Emerge. That kind of magazine should be out there with the plethora of magazines."

"We have appreciated the contributions that George Curry and Emerge magazine have made to Black folks in terms of balance news coverage," said John White, national communications director for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

"Emerg also brought stories to our community from another perspective and we will miss it," said White. "We hope another

## HUD

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gle new voucher..." said Cuomo. "When you have a strong economy — you need bring the economy to places left behind."

"Almost every community in the nation will get less funding," he continued. "It's a giant step backward."

"Any cut is disturbing," said Jacquie Lawing, HUD's Chief of Staff. "They're renewing existing vouchers, but 5.4 million households in the nation are being (left) homeless. This is a huge disappointment."

Many programs will be affected the proposed cuts. HUD has already eliminated many staff, but the subcommittee spending plan would eliminate up to 800 more positions.

HUD's Community Development Block Grant funding would be reduced by \$95 million, including a \$303 million funding cut to local communities. The subcommittee

will not fund the Community

Gu Safety and Violence Reduction Initiative, which is funded as part of the Drug Elimination Grant program. It address gun violence in HUD's communities.

The subcommittee cut drug elimination funds by about \$10 million.

A fact sheet provided by HUD describes some potential impacts of the proposed cuts. New Jersey communities, Elizabeth, Newark, and New Brunswick will be affected by the proposed cuts.

Elizabeth, about \$19,928,000 is expected to be lost in total dollars. 100 housing vouchers are expected to be lost, including cuts in incremental vouchers, about seven jobs are expected to be lost, and about eight households will lose funding by Community Development Block Grants.

In Newark \$6,614,000 is estimated to be lost, along with 334 housing vouchers, 191 households will lose Community Development Block Grant funding.

## Corzine

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two years ago, moderate Republican Rep. Marge Roukema, the longest-serving woman in Congress, narrowly defeated a conservative challenger.

Six states held primaries Tuesday, including the last presidential primaries in five of them. But the Corzine-Florio showdown drew the most attention.

When the relatively unknown Corzine announced he was running for the Senate seat being vacated by retiring three-term Democrat Frank Lautenberg, polls showed him behind Florio 2-to-1. But by last month, after Corzine blitzed the airwaves with a \$2 million-per-week ad campaign and poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into state and local Democratic organizations, Corzine's poll numbers showed him ahead by double digits.

Florio was seeking a comeback after voters dumped him

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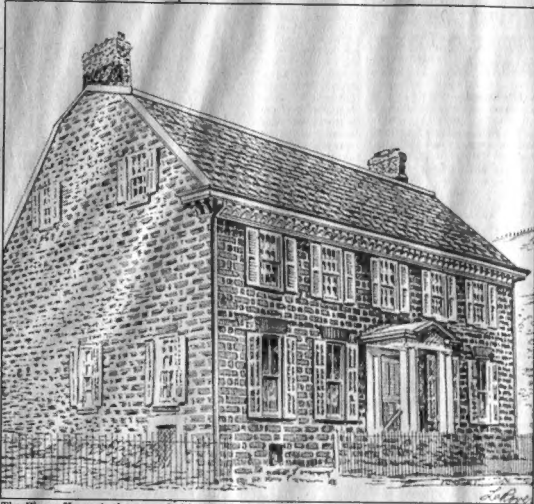
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# Newark: Time in a bottle on tour

*The Plume House circa 1730*



The Plume House is the second oldest residence in the city dating back to 1730 it was built with a clear view of the Passaic River on the outside of town. Now the rectory of the adjoining House of Prayer Episcopal Church, it now overlooks the busy intersection of Broad Street, Route 280 and a NJ Transit overpass. Photo courtesy of the Landmark & Preservation Committee

**NEWARK**—The Newark reservation and Landmarks Committee will host "What's New (and Old) in Newark," a seven-hour tour event scheduled for Saturday, June 17. The tour, which is being sponsored by The Newark Museum and the Landmarks Committee will feature some of Newark's most historic buildings and neighborhoods, and the planned developments that may affect them.

Your tour guide for the event will be Elizabeth Del Tufo, who chairs the city's Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commission has conducted hundreds of tours throughout the city over the years. This one should prove to be of particular interest with all the development springing forth in Newark.

The tour will make stops and take a close up look at the city's main railroad station, its oldest functioning synagogue, a community center in an 1880 mansion, and a thriving multicultural neighborhood. There will also be presentations on the proposed downtown sports arena, a new charter school, and more housing.

"Newark's history is a rich and vibrant part of its future," said Del Tufo, "a future that is much brighter than anyone could have hoped for a decade ago. While highlighting the beauty of Newark's past, this tour will explore some of the issue raised by recent or coming changes."

Among the points to be demonstrated and discussed, she said, will be how new housing and other structures can be built without disrupting existing neighborhoods; how schools can be improved so people will want to move into an stay in the city; how Newark's varied spiritual traditions are being rediscovered and revitalized; and how individuals can make a difference in Newark.

The tour will depart from the Newark Museum (49 Washington St.) at 10:30 a.m. Participants can also join the group at the first stop, Penn Station at 11 a.m., where the group will inspect the Art Deco terminal, which is one of the busiest in the nation. The site is now undergoing major rehabilitation.



The Historic Newark Penn Station opened its doors in 1935. It's one of the busiest stations in the nation. Photo courtesy of Preservation and Landmarks Committee

Penn Station opened in 1935, and serves Amtrak, NJ Transit, and Path trains, the City Subway, and many bus lines.

While at the station a representative from the New Jersey Nets basketball team and hockey's New Jersey Devils will outline plans to build their new home and arena on adjacent blocks.

"These are exciting times in Newark," said William R. Mikesell, a veteran architect and new president of the NPLC. Mikesell has worked on many local projects around the city including the renovation of the Robert Treat Hotel, construction of a new city fire department center, Riverfront Stadium and several housing complexes. He is now helping the New Newark Foundation plan the rehabilitation of several blocks on the west side of Military Park.

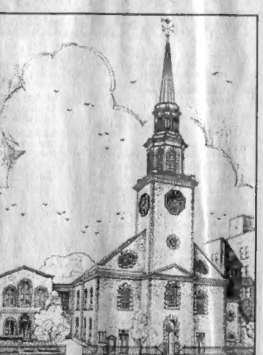
Ahavas Shalom on lower Broadway, the only Newark synagogue structure still used by its original congregation, will be the second tour stop. "Its rebirth symbolizes the lasting impression the Jewish community made on Newark, and this congregation's commitment to the city," said Del Tufo. The congregation has invited the visitors to join its Sabbath worship and then enjoy a lunch.

Next, the North Ward Center will show off some of the educational and social services it provides in one of Newark's grandest mansions. It was originally the home of William Clark, founder of a major thread company and one of many industrialists who settled in the Forest Hill section. The Center's plans to build its second charter school for

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area youngsters will be displayed.

The last stop will be the Ironbound, one of Newark's liveliest and most diverse areas. Leaders of the Ironbound Community Corp., a local citizen group, will talk about how a spate of new housing threatens to alter the character of the area. Participants on the tour will have a chance to browse in ethnic shops on Ferry Street, and stay on their own for dinner in one of many restaurants. Those wish can board the bus to return to Penn Station or the museum. The tours cost \$25 a person with proceeds going to community programs. Reservations can be made at the museum (973) 596-6643.



Old First Church (1791) founded in Newark in 1666 by Rev. Alexander McWhorter. Photo courtesy of Preservation & Landmarks Committee

## The Newark Preservation & Landmarks Committee helping to keep the historic sites of Newark in tact

### Newark Landmarks

1. Ballentine House (1884) Home of the Newark Museum.
2. Branchbrook Park (1895)
3. City Hall (1906) 920 Broad Street
4. Coe House (1871) 698 Dr. Martin L King Boulevard
5. Essex Club (1926) Home of the N. J. Historical Society 52 Park Place
6. Four Corners Historic District part of 27 blocks bounded by Raymond Blvd., Mulberry St., Edison Pl., Broad, Hill, Washington and Market Sts.
7. Krueger Mansion (1889) 601 King Blvd.
8. Lackawanna Railroad Station (1903) Broad and University Sts.
9. Lincoln Park Historic District part of 10 blocks, including Lincoln and Clinton Parks and portions of Broad, Spruce, and Washington Sts.
10. Metropolitan Baptist Church (1884) originally Oheb Shalom Synagogue, now Greater Newark Conservancy 32 Prince St.
11. Mount Pleasant Cemetery (1844) 375 Broadway.
12. New Point Baptist Church (1850)



An exhibit of historical photos and articles on display at the Plume House attracts visitors during a tour. Photo courtesy of the Preservation & Landmarks Committee

### The Plume House historical displays on view



(left) Elizabeth Del Tufo shows a visitor the historic pictures above fireplace at the Plume House. Photo courtesy of the Preservation & Landmarks Committee.

### Broad Street circa 1916



A scene from 1916 when there was a blizzard on Broad Street. Photo courtesy of the Preservation & Landmarks Committee

## National Men's Health Week

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — According to a recent survey commissioned by the Commonwealth Fund, men do indeed make the worst patients. The study found that men fail to get checkups and tests, delay needed medical attention, and do not have regular doctors.

National Men's Health Week, which began on June 12-18 (Fathers Day), was established by Congress to raise awareness among men and their families about the importance of preventive health behavior in the early detection and treatment of health problems affecting men. By developing a week focusing on the broad range of health issues affecting men, and ultimately their families, National Men's Health Week attempts to achieve the same positive behavioral changes among men that have already occurred in women because of breast cancer awareness programs.

St. Peter's University Hospital supports the goals of National Men's Health Week. Information materials, including the 32-page "Men's Maintenance Manual," will be available in the hospital lobby, at 254 Easton Ave., New Brunswick, and in the lobby of the outpatient clinic at 124 How Lane, New Brunswick; and at the Senior Health Center 300 Overlook Dr., Monroe Township. The manual may also be obtained free of charge by calling 1-800-955-2002.

According to statistics, increased awareness and response from men could be a matter of life and death. Heart disease is the leading cause of death among men in the United States. Men are three times more likely than women to suffer a heart attack before age 65. Nearly six percent of African American males have diabetes and do not know it. They also have the highest prostate cancer incidence rate of any racial or ethnic group in the U.S. Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death among Hispanic men; the fourth leading cause if they are over 65. Since 1974, men have experienced a 48 percent increase in cases of melanoma. In 1994, 364 men died from breast cancer.

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## Feeling orphaned on Father's Day?

**LITTLE FALLS** — While some are worried about what gift to get that this Father's Day, others wonder how they will survive the day since the death of their dad. Whether a father died during the past year or over a decade ago — holidays are often a difficult time for people who are grieving.

"Even though my father died over 15 years ago, I'm reminded of that loss every year on Father's Day," said John Welshons, author of "Awaking from Grief." Each year I have to remind myself and others that when our hearts are broken, they are also wide open. The author offers ways to get beyond the grief.

Become aware that no relationship is ever lost Write a letter to the loved one who has died.

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Tillard Gallop runs to keep up with his daughter photo courtesy of UMDNJ



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Dr. Hillary Broder, at the University will discuss a recent study examining the oral health attitudes, behaviors and parenting responsibilities among African American fathers. The study identifies 60 young fathers whose parents (females) had participated in a previous study on early childhood cavities.



Dr. Robert Johnson (right) founder of the Young Fathers Program congratulates Al-Tariq Dunston (left), who went from being a participant to staff and is now a Newark Police Officer photo courtesy of UMDNJ

## From boys to men

### UMDNJ Young Fathers Program a driving force in shaping the lives of young men

By Gilda Rogers  
Staff Writer

The odds are indeed against them. As young, single, African-American fathers in the inner city, obtaining the basics to take care of a family can be challenging. For a group of fathers in Newark, however, it has been possible, although not easy.

"We've overcome a lot of obstacles to make a better life for ourselves and our children," said Ed Waller, a 28-year-old single father from Newark who has two sons, ages 9 and 13.

Waller, along with other young men who participate in the Young Fathers Program at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, will be part of a Pre-Father's Day Community Resource Fair and Concert on Friday, June 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at PS&G, 80 Park Plaza in Newark. The event is the concluding activity for the program's "Fathers Appreciation Week," which will be a weeklong salute to positive young fathers. The outdoor concert will feature Don Corey Washington of East Orange, Kenya Travis of Newark, and special guest participant Alshura Jenkins and the Redmen Brothers of Paterson.

"Many young fathers want to do the right thing and be a strong, positive father-figure to their family," said Charles Dixon — the program director for the Young Fathers Program. "But many lack the skills to do so and don't know where to go to get these skills."

The Young Fathers Program, which started, as a pilot program

in the summer of 1986, has become a comprehensive and holistic support mechanism for developing responsible young fathers. Dr. Robert Johnson, the director of Adolescent and Adult Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Medical School, saw the need to augment the lives of those young men who would accompany their girlfriends to the hospital for either pre-natal or post-natal care. Many of these soon-to-be young dads were unemployed with no career path in sight some were high school dropouts, while others were still in school.

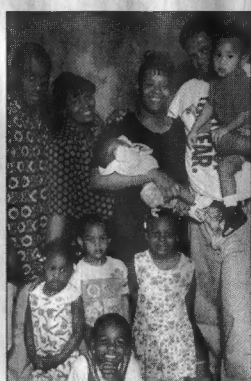
The primary feature of the program became the employment component in conjunction with its secondary feature — education — while providing a critical parenting and training aspect, which addressed relationship development with their girlfriends, along with bonding, feeding, and dispersing their child. Dixon also acknowledged the legal rights of fathers, thus giving them ownership in their relationship.

"Allocation of dollars as it pertains to fathers and men is such that they have been left out," said Dixon referencing different initiatives, programs and welfare that are geared more toward women and mothers. Society in general has empowered women. The downside is that we see a lot of men going to

jail, more men have dropped out of school in comparison to females and more men commit crime. Over 50 percent of our males are from a single female household. Our program addresses the down side of psychological, social, and economic issues."

Spirituality is another important component of the program said Dixon, because it addresses the moral fiber in the raising of children as well as for the fathers themselves.

There are many success stories that have come out of this program, which just demonstrates with the encouragement, love and support the Young Fathers Program has provided the dreams, hopes and aspiration of its young participants have come true.



Young Fathers and families at a fundraising event. Photo courtesy of UMDNJ

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# Heartbeat Calendar

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15**  
**NEW BRUNSWICK** - A nicotine dependency support group will be held at St. Peter's University Hospital. For further information, call (732) 937-6050.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17**  
**NEW BRUNSWICK** - The Adolescent Fertility Awareness hosts a Father/Son program at 2 p.m. For further information, call (856) 334-0699.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18**  
**NEW BRUNSWICK** - The Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital offers an overesters support group at 10 a.m. For further information, call (732) 418-8110.

**MONDAY, JUNE 19**  
**MIDDLETOWN** - The Morrnath County Park System offers "Aerostep" classes through July 24. For more information, call (732) 842-4000.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25**  
**PARISIPANY** - American Cancer Society and Merck & Co. Inc. present a road race and walk. For further information, call (908) 423-3974.

**MONDAY, JUNE 26**  
**NEW BRUNSWICK** - Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital offers a women's support group at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call (732) 418-8110.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27**  
**NEW BRUNSWICK** - Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital offers an epilepsy support group at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call (732) 418-8110.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** - Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital offers a Crohn's and Colitis support group at 7 p.m. For further information, call (732) 418-8110.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30**  
**NEW BRUNSWICK** - A stroke club support group will be held at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at 12:30 p.m. For further information, call (732) 418-8110.

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## Belafonte urges black men to get checked for prostate cancer

**BIRMINGHAM (AP)** - Entertainer Harry Belafonte is using his personal experience as a prostate cancer survivor to try to increase awareness of the disease among other black men.

Belafonte, 78, has remained free of cancer since surgery in 1996.

"I am deeply disturbed there is such indifference, such resistance to the process of early detection and prevention," he said.

Belafonte spoke during the Prostate Cancer Global Awareness program, recently held at Birmingham's Sixth Avenue Baptist Church.

About 39,000 American men die each year from prostate cancer. John Fivash, a radiation oncologist at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, said that the mortality rate is higher among blacks because fewer black men have regular prostate screenings that lead to early detection and treatment.

Belafonte said the first reaction to his diagnosis was typical of cancer patients.

"How long do I have?" he asked his doctor.

Belafonte and other speakers at the forum encouraged men to get regular checkups.

# HeartBeat

## Prenatal care program decreases number of premature births

### A different kind of program, Horizon Mercy's "Mom's GEMS" results in healthier babies

**TRENTON** - By making sure that pregnant mothers have access to quality prenatal care, Horizon Mercy's Get Early Maternity Services Prenatal Program has decreased the number of premature births among program members. In an analysis of newborn admissions from August 1999 through January 2000, Horizon Mercy found that only five percent of its Mom's GEMS program members had premature babies, compared to 13 percent of the plan's non-GEMS members. In addition, the GEMS program babies required a combined total of only 394 days in the neonatal intensive care unit, versus 529 total NICU days for non-GEMS babies.

"Proper prenatal care is very important to the delivery of a full-term, healthy baby," explains Bertram Scott, president and CEO of Horizon Mercy. "The GEMS program is helping to increase the number of moms who receive this care."

While many health care organizations offer prenatal programs, Horizon Mercy's is the only one tailored specifically for the publically insured. "Some pro-

grams send pregnant members books and light-hearted gifts," comments Pam Perschilli, R.N., manager of clinical services at Horizon Maternity Services. "Some of our expectant mothers are so busy caring for their families that they do not have time to read complicated medical literature. In addition, some need help with basic necessities. The GEMS program aims to fill the needs of this specific segment of the population."

Horizon Mercy's Mom's GEMS five years ago as an innovative two-year program designed to ensure that expectant mothers receive proper prenatal care and education on how to have healthy pregnancies and babies. "Many of our members are 'at-risk,' adds Perschilli.

"These women often have many pressing issues," facing them, such as finding a place to live and putting food on the table. Prenatal doctor visits were getting put off due to these and other family stresses."

By sending program members a substantial gift, such as a diaper bag, camera or hooded baby towel each time they attended their regularly scheduled prenatal



doctor visits, Horizon Mercy was able to bridge the non-compliance gap. "The moms love the incentive program, and it really helps them remember to keep their doctor appointments," says Perschilli.

The program has grown to become much more than an incentive program for doctor visits. In addition to prenatal care, members receive education on how to lead a "pregnancy-friendly" lifestyle. When expectant moms need additional help, such as transportation to doctors' appointments or to the hospital for the delivery itself, the program is in place to fill those needs.

GEMS outreach workers have found housing and childcare services for members, and have even supplied cell phones to expectant moms who otherwise would have been without telephone service.

"By removing as many stressors as possible, we make it easier for expectant moms to focus on their health and that of their unborn babies," explains Scott. "Basically, we do what it takes to ensure smooth pregnancies and healthy babies."

In addition to the "medical" side of the Mom's GEMS program, there is a human factor. Many of these "at-risk" moms have no one to talk to about their pregnancies except their GEMS case managers. "Having a case manager who listens and cares makes a world of difference to many of our moms who are facing pregnancy and motherhood pretty much on their own," comments Perschilli. "One of our moms who recently delivered full-term triplets still calls her case manager frequently 'just to talk.'"

The program doesn't end with baby's delivery - all moms receive a well-mom/well-baby home visit by a registered nurse seven days after birth. "Well-visits provide an excellent safety net to ensure the delivery of more services if they are needed," adds Perschilli. "We have caught many problems early, especially with baby care, thanks to these visits."

Horizon Mercy is New Jersey's largest managed care program serving the publically insured, providing healthcare services to 170,000 people in all 21 New Jersey counties.

## Researchers say America's kids not getting enough exercise

By Randall Chase

**RALEIGH (AP)** - America's school administrators need to require more physical education classes, and parents need to unplug the TV and video games, according to researchers who conducted a nationwide study of adolescent physical activity.

In a study published in the June issue of "Pediatrics," researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill found that most young Americans, particularly blacks and females, are far too sedentary.

Lead author Penny Gordon-Larsen blamed the problem on the decline in comprehensive physical education curricula in U.S. schools and habitual television viewing and video-game playing among youngsters.

Even though it's a particular problem for minorities, it's a problem for all kids," said Gordon-Larsen, a postdoctoral fellow at the Carolina Population Center at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Youngsters who don't get enough exercise could be at greater risk for long-term health problems such as obesity, diabetes, cancer and heart disease, researchers said.

Gordon-Larsen and her colleagues analyzed data on more than 17,700 middle school and high school students from a 1996 OPC survey of adolescent health and behavior.

Based on self-reported data, students were grouped by levels of activity and inactivity. Activity was characterized by frequency, from zero to five times a week, and by intensity, with activities such as cycling and martial arts ranking higher than less strenuous activities.

Inactivity was characterized by the number of hours spent each week watching television or videos and playing video and computer games.

Researchers also studied environmental and demographic variables to determine what might play in adolescent activity. They found that involvement in physical education classes and use of community recreation centers were key factors in healthy activity rates.

Overall, youngsters who had

PE class five times a week were more than twice as likely to be highly active, and those who had PE just once a week were 44 percent more likely to be highly active.

"The fact that PE had such a dramatic impact was a big surprise," Gordon-Larsen said. "We knew it had an impact, but we had no idea that it was this strong."

Only one-fifth of the youngsters surveyed were enrolled in a PE class, and only 15 percent had PE five times a week. Middle school students were more likely than high school students to take PE, and males more likely than females.

Michael Goran of the Institute of Prevention Research at the University of Southern California and the study helps quantify the factors previously thought to be associated with childhood inactivity.

"I think that we've known that children are less active," he said. "I think this may be one of the first studies that shows this can be partially explained by the decline in physical education and environmental factors."

In a seemingly contradictory finding, blacks were more likely than whites to be enrolled in PE classes and to exercise more often, but were found to be less active.

"It's a little confusing; we really need more information to understand what is happening," said Gordon-Larsen. She suggested that whites might be more involved in soccer and basketball, common sports more likely to visit health clubs, while blacks may be going to recreation centers to hang out.

Moreover, some highly active youngsters could simultaneously be considered highly inactive, based on their television viewing habits.

"I don't think solving this problem is nearly as simple as saying, 'Let's get kids in PE classes more frequently,'" said Russell Pate, chairman of the Department of Exercise Science at the University of South Carolina, adding that educators must ensure that all students enrolled in PE actually participate.

## National Kidney Foundation seeks car donors

**NEW YORK** - Help give the gift of life this summer by donating your unwanted car, truck or van to a local charity you know and trust - The National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey.

As "America's #1 choice for car donations," the Foundation is currently accepting cars, trucks and vans to be used for tax purposes.

The contribution will assist the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey, a non-profit organization that strives to help improve the care and treatment of people afflicted with kidney, urological and hypertensive diseases, through advances in detection, diagnosis, and treatment.

The scope of the organization's mission is evident by the fact that nearly 5,000 people are currently awaiting kidney transplants in the New York/New Jersey metro area. Through programs funded by the public, including organ donor awareness, cutting edge research and sup-



port efforts that help families and patients, the National Kidney Foundation of NY/NJ is a crucial resource that touches the lives of thousands of people who may be family, friends or neighbors.

The National Kidney Foundation is dedicated to the treatment and cure of kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation.

The Foundation receives no government support, relying instead on the donations of corporations and individuals. The Foundation also welcomes gifts of real estate and appreciated securities.

## Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center celebrates relocation of two new outpatient programs

**PLAINFIELD** - Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield recently celebrated the grand opening of its newly renovated Kenyon Health, which was the site of the center's state-of-the-art Hemodialysis Unit and Adult Day Health Program.

Attended by local dignitaries, physicians, patients of both programs and hospital board members and staff, the celebration included a tour of the building which is located on the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center campus at the corner of Park Avenue and Randolph Road.

"It is a great honor that we are able to combine the rich tradition of our Hemodialysis Program and Adult Day Health Program with that of the Kenyon Health," stated John Kopke, Senior Vice President of Clinical Services for Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. "By relocating these programs to the Kenyon Health, they are easily accessible in an outpatient setting to all members of the surrounding communities."

For more than 20 years, the Hemodialysis Unit at Muhlenberg has helped people with kidney problems lead normal lives. During hemodialysis, blood is mechanically pumped through an artificial kidney machine where it is filtered and then returned to the body.

The Hemodialysis Unit staff has a team approach to care, with physicians, nurses, dietitians and social workers joining together in treatment planning and administration," noted John Feldmans, M.D., director of the Hemodialysis Unit at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. "Now one of the most technologically advanced Hemodialysis Units in the area is housed in a beautiful, modern facility."

The Hemodialysis Unit will occupy the second floor of Kenyon House and will incorporate 20 hemodialysis machines, along with nursing stations, a staff

lounge and administrative offices.

Located on the ground floor of the renovated facility will be the Adult Day Health Program, which provides care, support, companionship and counseling for elderly and handicapped adults who require supervision during daytime hours. As an alternative to placement in a nursing home, the program enables participants to live at home evenings and weekends while receiving individualized care for their medical, nursing, social, rehabilitative and personal needs Monday through Friday.

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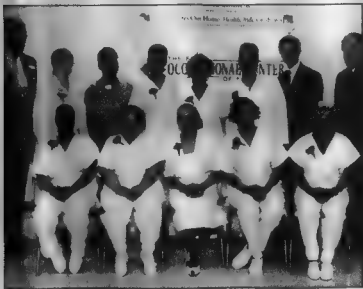
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## Scherer-Plough salutes graduates

Buyout by a Scherer-Plough grant, the First Occupational Center of New Jersey graduates its first Union County Home Health Aide class. Andrew Scherger, secretary of the Scherer-Plough Foundation, presented graduation certificates to the members of the class: Seated, from left: graduates Patricia Simmons, Herman Simmons, Helen Clark, Arlene Roach and Sharon Butler. Standing, from left: Andrew Scherger, Secretary, and Christine Fahy, Assistant Secretary of the Scherer-Plough Foundation, graduates Clark Kissoon, Sameerah Lee, Janet Baker and Laverne Brooks. Rocco J. Morelli, President and Chief Executive Officer of the First Occupational Center, and Elizabeth Mayr, J. Christian Boffel.



Les Go Dun Gna (Duna Muse)

International artists often face the challenge of fusing their style into a sound appealing to American audiences, but a down-fall, the Ivory Coast trio Les Go have propelled themselves forward.

On the release of their album, "Dan Gna," the group meets the challenge with success, creating a contemporary sound without sacrificing their own. Keeping true to their style, the group sings in its Ivory Coast dialect and maintains an African music track complete with drums and melodic chants. The album brings together Caribbean, Spanish and African and American pop in songs like "I Can't Go For That (No Can Do)," using the sample from the Hall & Oates song by the same name. "Dan," which is backed by an African drum background highlighted by a guitar-strum melody reminiscent of Indian ragas.

The Bruce Swedien produced singles give way to the various American influence on the music track. It does not suffocate the impression left of a solid collection and African songs with multicultural influence. Les Go manages to straddle the line between good international appearing music and American induced beats with diluted ethnic tones.

## James Brown and Curtis Mayfield to be honored at Songwriters Hall of Fame

By Cedric McCrester

Soul Brother Number One, James Brown, and legendary singer/songwriter Curtis Mayfield, who died in December 1999, are among those scheduled to be honored June 15 in the Imperial Ballroom of the New York Sheraton Hotel Arid Towers, at the 31st Annual Songwriters Hall of Fame Dinner. Others inductees, according to Songwriters Hall of Fame Chairman Hal David, are James Taylor, Brian Wilson and Don Henley.

Additionally, special awards will be presented to Neil Diamond (Sammy Cahn Lifetime Achievement Award), Johnny Mathis (Hitmaker Award, Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller (Johnny Mercer Award) and Julian Aberbach (the Abe Olman Publisher's Award). "You Are My Sunshine," written by former Mississippi Governor Jimmie Davis ("All Of Me," by Gerald Marks and Seymour Simon), are two classic American songs recorded hundreds of times over the decades since they were composed that will receive the Towering Song Award.

James Brown, who has alternately been known as, "The Hardest Working Man in Show Business," "Mr. Dynamite," "Soul Brother Number One," "The Godfather Of Soul" and "The Godfather Of Funk" has added his name to the list over four decades. Brown is one

of the most sampled people in hip hop. His hits can be heard on countless hip hop recordings. He has written numerous hit songs including, "Please, Please, Please," "It's A Man's World," "Cold Sweat," "I Got You (I Feel Good)," "Papa's Got A Brand New Bag" and "Say It Loud (I'm Black And I'm Proud)." The late Curtis Mayfield, whom some credit with writing the sound track for the 60's Civil Rights Movement with such songs as "Keep On Pushing," "People Get Ready," "Wreck A Winner," "Moving On Up" and "This Is My Country," was informed shortly before his death that he would be inducted into The Songwriters Hall of Fame, Class of 2000. Mayfield was one of the most significant figures to emerge from the Chicago R&B scene, where he first attracted attention as lead singer of the Impressions, which also included "The Iceman" (Jerry Butler). Like Brown, Mayfield's rich musical legacy has also been mined by the purveyors of hip hop.

According to those who knew him best, Mayfield was the consummate storyteller. "Curtis spoke to the heart," said singer Jerry Butler, who was a lifelong friend of Mayfield's, and still finds it hard to refer to him in the past tense. "He was a deep thinker, who spoke to the heart through his music," Mr. Butler added. In reviewing Mayfield's

body of work Butler keyed in on some of the movie soundtracks that Mayfield wrote. "There are lots of people who have written musical scores with only one hit. Curtis wrote sound tracks with multiple hits. We have only to look at 'Superfly,' or 'Claudine,' or 'Let's Do It Again,' to realize how good Curtis was/is," said Butler. When asked what he felt Mayfield's legacy is, without hesitation, Butler responded that 50 years from now and beyond Mayfield will be remembered for the intangible contributions he made to the 60's Civil Rights Movement, more so than for the hits he wrote for Gene Chandler, Jerry Butler, Linda Clifford and Major Lance. Mayfield's partner and longtime manager, Marvin Heiman, said he was happy that Mayfield got to smell his flowers while he was alive. He received a host of honors during his lifetime, including the BMI Lifetime Achievement Award, two inductions into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, induction into the Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame, several Grammys and a host of other awards. Mayfield was only 12 years old when he wrote his first hit, "Gypsy Woman."

The prolific songwriting team of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller are responsible for more R&B hits than you can imagine. Their roster of hit songs include "Hound Dog," "Jailhouse Rock,"



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"Loving You," "Yakety Yak," "Charlie Brown," "Along Came Jones," and "Searchin'." "Stand By Me," "Spanish Harlem," "On Broadway," "Dance With Me" and "Love Fortin # 9." It is their music which forms the

basis for "Smokey Joe's Cafe." Given this year's line of inductees and special award recipients, the 31st Annual Songwriters Hall of Fame Dinner promises to be the biggest and best yet.

## Puff Daddy adds a (fashion) line to his resume

By Francine Parnes

NEW YORK (AP) — This may come as a surprise to music fans, but Sean "Puffy" Combs is a contender for a top honor in the fashion industry. That's right, fashion.

Combs, better known as music mogul "Puff Daddy," is one of three new menswear designers nominated for an American

Fashion Award. The winner will be announced June 15 by the Council of Fashion Designers of America at a gala at Lincoln Center.

As a representative of hip-hop culture, Combs has set the tone for fashion that made it a natural for him to move into the garment industry. He is chairman and CEO of the line called Sean John, after his first and

niggled names. The collection is targeted for males 12 to 40 and is designed by a professional staff. In its first year, the line, including jeans, shirts and T-shirts, ad sales exceeding \$32 million.

Men's fashion was borne to be honest, said Combs. "And it's just felt it was unfair for us to not have fun like women get to have. They get to be fabulous and have some style and

have an outfit they can put on and feel good about. We're gradually taking men into the zone of being able to feel beautiful, but still be able to be a strong man about it."

Combs knows a thing or two about fashion. His white suit, a signature style, is particularly well-known. "The white stuff, to be honest, is like a personal, spiritual thing. White is a color I

dream about all the time. I feel safe in white because deep down inside, I'm an angel," he said in a telephone interview.

His first-ever fashion show last February attracted a star-studded audience of rappers Lil' Kim and Missy Elliot, R&B legend Luther Vandross, New York Yankee Derek Jeter, New York Knick Patrick Ewing and comedian Sandra Bernhard.



## Janet Jackson deals with legal troubles, career projects

Janet Jackson is back in the headlines with more legal trouble and projects underway.

The latest legal shocker to hit the singer is her divorce from husband Rene Elizondo Jr. Elizondo filed for divorce in the Los Angeles Superior Court citing irreconcilable differences. This action revealed the long kept secret that Jackson and Elizondo had indeed married.

Elizondo stated that the two, who met around the time of Jackson's first marriage to DeBarge Family member singer James DeBarge in 1984 (this marriage was annulled in 1984 after five months), were married March 31, 1991 in their San Diego home.

We decided early on that we wanted to keep our private life private. I'm surprised as you are that we managed to keep it a secret," Elizondo said, according to Vibe Online.

In a released statement, Jackson said she hoped her fans understood that she has lived her whole life in the public eye and that she wanted to have a private family life.

"It pains me greatly that despite my sincere efforts, my marriage to Rene did not work out," she said.

One issue that is at the heart of the divorce is the prenuptial agreement. Elizondo claims he directed many of Jackson's videos and has co-written 37 of her songs. He also took credit for the concept of Rhythm Nation and Velvet Rope albums.

In her other legal troubles, Jackson is dealing with a lawsuit filed by Chris Macchi. The lawsuit also names Elizondo and their doctors. Macchi claims that they used his name without his consent to obtain prescription drugs. Some of the drugs named



Janet Jackson File photo

in the lawsuit include antidepressants, opiate/heroin addiction blockers, herpes anti-virals, appetite suppressants and a hepatitis B vaccine. The couple's cook Ricardo Macchi (no relation) also filed a similar suit naming the same four individuals.

In other news, Jackson is focusing on her role in the film, "Kluge: Nutty Professor II," where she plays the fiancée of Eddie Murphy's character Sherman Klump. She's set to tape a video for her song, "Doesn't Really Matter," which will be featured on the soundtrack. The film is set for release July 28 and the soundtrack July 11.

## Peabo Bryson to appear at NJPAC

Singer Peabo Bryson will be appearing at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center June 21.

Bryson is touring all over the country in such cities as Dallas, TX; Westbury, NY; Minneapolis, MN; Kansas City, MO, and Oakland, CA.

Bryson is currently promoting his latest LP, "Unconditional Love," on the Windham Hill label.



# Billboard

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

**MONTCLAIR** - TheatreFest/Broadway on the Hill presents Leslie Uggams in "Master Class." For further information, call (973) 655-7887.

**UPPER MONTCLAIR** - Montclair State University presents TheatreFest. For further information, call (973) 655-7496.

**MORRISTOWN** - "The Odd Couple" will be shown at the Morris Museum's Bickford Theatre. For further information, call (973) 538-8069.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

**ATLANTIC CITY** - The Resorts Atlantic City Eleven 33 Club presents John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers at 10 p.m. For further information, call (800) 340-8429.

**MADISON** - The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival presents "The Forest." For more information, call (973) 408-5500.

**NEWARK** - African Globe Theatre presents "When a Man Loves a Woman," through June 25. For more information, call (973) 624-1584.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

**PLAINFIELD** - The North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club presents "New Beginnings" at First Park Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (908) 754-2085.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

**MORRISTOWN** - The Morris Museum hosts an ice age exhibit. For further information, call (973) 538-0454, ext. 420.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

**MILLBURN** - The Paper Mill Playhouse presents The Platters. The Outlets, and The Coasters, at 8:30 p.m. For further information, call (973) 376-4343.

**NEW YORK CITY** - Elvin Jones & the Cecil Taylor Duo will perform at the New Nola at 8 & 11:30 p.m. For further information, call (212) 475-3592.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

**MONTCLAIR** - The 12 Miles West Theatre Company presents "Apple Out" through July 15. For further information, call (973) 749-7181.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

**MORRISTOWN** - Morris Museum hosts an abstract art exhibit, through July 24. For further information, call (973) 538-0454, ext. 420.

**ATLANTIC CITY** - Resorts Atlantic City Events/City Club presents Clara Adams at 10 p.m. For further information, call (800) 340-0429.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

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## Samuel L. Jackson Drives the Perfect Star Vehicle as Shaft

By Kam Williams

Oscar-nominee Samuel L. Jackson (for Pulp Fiction) is at the top of his game when erupting as that crazed, borderline personality who is almost out of his mind. He's given such inspired performances in movies like Jackie Brown and Jungle Fever that I'm not even sure you can call it acting.

Over the years, this veteran of 73 films has expanded his repertoire, raising himself to prove himself capable of handling any role. But, personally, I feel disappointed, almost cheated, when Mr. Jackson portrays restrained, low-key characters like Mace Windu of The Phantom Menace or Charles Morris of The Red Violin. I find myself left waiting for an eruption that never comes.

Therefore, director John Singleton (Boyz n the Hood) is to be commended for taking the wraps off Jackson for Shaft, the highly-charged sequel to the biggest '70s-era blaxploitation hit. But Shaft 2000 should be considered a sequel in name only, as it lays a searing finger on the pulse of present-day New York City to make an almost too inflammatory exploration of police corruption, class differences and racial divisions.

For instance, just by employing an emotionally-tinged catchphrase such as "It's Giuliani time!" the director triggers



Samuel L. Jackson as John Shaft in his latest movie, "Shaft." Courtesy of Paramount Studios.

images of the raw political realities of a city divided by the issue of police brutality. Shaft, then, never sells out to Hollywood, but remains so uncompromisingly edgy that I never stopped squirming in my seat.

This time around John Shaft (Mr. Jackson) is a renegade

NYPD detective assigned to handle the racially motivated murder of a black man outside a bar by a spoiled, rich kid named Walter (Christian Bale). Frustrated by a corrupt system which allows the rich to escape justice, Shaft (a Dirty Harry) gets taken off the case for trying to take the law

into his own hands.

Shaft, of course, continues to pursue his man, anyway, with the help of female cop Carmen (Vanessa Williams) and reluctant buddy, Rasaan (Buster Rhymes). Ms. Williams, once Miss America for a day, has unfortunately aged

horribly. Just look what they did to her chest. There's a quick shot down her blouse, here, which reveals a plastic surgery nightmare. The scene is almost as memorable as Sharon Stone's assa pants, but for the wrong reason (Wish me luck avoiding Vanessa).

An enveloping subplot involves a local Dominican drug lord named Peoples Hernandez (Jeffrey Wright). Peoples is a power broker in the slums who seems to align himself with Walter as an entire to police society. But this production rarely ventures downtown, sticking to the meaty suspects of ethnic enclaves.

Magnificently cast, the dangerous triangle of Shaft, Peoples and Walter find themselves equally matched in power and intensity. The action is brutal, fast-paced and unrelenting. With fitting cameos by original Shaft.

Richard Roundtree and original director Gordon Parks. Also appearances by Toni Collette as a key witness and football great Lawrence Taylor as a jealous boyfriend. But this generation's Shaft is too busy kicking butt to vber with the flirts in skirts.

Excellent



Rated R for very graphic, gratuitous violence, hard-core profanity and sexual situations

## Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation now accepting fellowships applications

TRENTON — Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation recently announced the immediate availability of year 2001 New Jersey State Council on the Arts individual artist fellowship applications. The funding categories available for 2001 include: crafts, sculpture, photography, interdisciplinary performance, prose, poetry and play-writing.

The postmarked deadline for applications is Friday, July 14. To be eligible, applicants must be an artist in one of the disciplines offered and a permanent New Jersey resident. Fellowships are awarded solely on the basis of artistic excellence and not other merits that may be associated with a project or other factors.

To request a copy of the fellowship guidelines and an applica-

tion, please call the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation at (410) 539-6656, ext. 101. Guidelines and applications are available in large print. If any special accommodations are required file a NJSCA fellowship application, please alert the Foundation.

The Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation administers fellowship grants for the New Jersey State Council on the Arts on a contract basis. This is the fourth consecutive year that the Foundation has administered the fellowships. The program has proven to be a cost-effective way for the Council to provide fellowships to individual New Jersey-based artists.

The fellowships program is a vital element in the Council's total program of support for

artists and is a measure of the Council's commitment to individual artists in the state," said David Miller, Deputy Executive Director of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Throughout June, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts will hold five technical assistance workshops throughout of New Jersey.

These workshops will address the application process for the fellowships. NJSCA requests that workshop participants register for the workshop of their choice by calling (609) 292-6130.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

• Wednesday, June 14, 5:30-7:30 a.m. - Clinton Hamerton Museum of Art 7 Lower Center

Street, Clinton, NJ. Call (908) 735-8415 for directions.

• Thursday, June 15, 5 - 7 p.m., Madison Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey 33 Green Village Road, Millville, NJ. Call (973) 514-1787 for directions.

• Wednesday, June 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. New Brunswick George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ. Call (973) 846-2895 for directions.

• Thursday, June 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Newark Museum, 49 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07109. Call (973) 596-0550 for directions.

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation fosters, develops and supports regional arts programming for the benefit of arts orga-

nizations, artists, and audiences and encourages exchanges that link the arts resources of the mid-Atlantic region to the rest of the nation and the world. Created in 1979, the Foundation is a private, non-profit organization that is closely allied with the region's state arts council and the National Endowment for the Arts. It combines funding from state and federal resources with private support from corporations, foundations, and individuals to address needs in the arts from a regional perspective. The region includes nine states and jurisdictions: District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia and West Virginia.

## Martin is Nutty in 'Tootsie' role



Martin Lawrence as Big Momma in his latest movie, "Big Momma's House." Courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox

By Kam Williams

Original, no. Entertaining, yes. Big Momma's House is a secret crush on gal pal Jessica Lange. So, while the fat jokes get old after ten minutes, what holds this picture together is the slow-developing love story between an FBI agent and his suspect turned sweetheart.

At our point of departure, Lester (Howard), a brutal bank robber, escapes from prison. The authorities expect him to contact his ex-girlfriend, Sherry, single Mom who just happens to be dead shortly with her young son Trent (Jascha Washington) to visit the grandmother (Ella Mitchell) she, quite conveniently, hasn't seen since childhood.

FBI agent Malcolm Turner (Lawrence), a fast-talking, slow change-artist, is assigned to stake out Grandma's house with his bumbling, bug-eyed partner, John (Giamatti). They set up shop in the house across the street, taking note of the senior citizen's activities. But when the real grandma unexpectedly leaves town, Malcolm seizes on the idea of transforming himself into Big Momma in order to get the closest of tabs on Sherry after her arrival.

The ghoulish makeover doesn't fool the audience for a second, but Sherry and son move in, unaware of anything amiss about their next of kin. Then Malcolm soon discovers that there's a lot more to impersonating a sassy, seventy-year-old than gobs of make-up. And he suddenly has every opportunity to eat a foot-cooking, delivering a baby, testifying in bed, even innocently cuddling in bed.

With Sherry's ex-con, ex-lover Lester closing in, Malcolm discovers her to be more of an unwitting victim than a co-conspirator in the bank robbery. Allegiances shift just in time for the big showdown, which is swiftly followed by a bigger revelation and a biggest romantic resolution.

I haven't spoiled a thing for those of you with a sixth grader's sense of humor who know that getting there is half the fun. Especially when it's filled with fat and fart jokes.

Good ★★★★★

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## National Bar Association speaks about homebuying traps



By Harold D. Pope  
President, National Bar Association

(NNPA) — When spring arrives, homeowners focus on sprucing up their houses.

Unfortunately, some minority and low-income homeowners enter disastrous loan contracts that turn the American dream of homeownership into a nightmare.

Minority and low-income homeowners—often equity-rich and cash-poor—are targeted by subprime lenders that extend credit to high-risk borrowers ineligible for conventional loans. Promising quick cash, predatory lenders lock unsuspecting homeowners into high-interest loans that drain equity and can lead to foreclosure.

Predatory lenders include: high-rate, high-fee creditors, payday or check-advance outlets, check cashing services, rapid refund tax services, pawnbrokers and unscrupulous home repair firms that offer easy access to credit. Some predatory lenders charge annual interest rates exceeding 700 percent.

Subprime home improvement and home equity loans, which increased tenfold from 1993 to

1998, are among the most frequent traps for minority and low-income homeowners.

"Unequal Burden: Income and Racial Disparities in Subprime Lending in America," a recent U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development study, found subprime loans are five times more likely in Black neighborhoods than in white neighborhoods. In addition, homeowners in high-income Black areas are twice as likely as homeowners in low-income white areas to have subprime loans.

The growing market for subprime loans represents a \$200 to \$300 billion industry. In the absence of traditional financial institutions, consumers in minority communities rely instead on finance companies and other less regulated lenders. Rising bank fees, discriminatory lending, and increased personal debt also limit minority access to mainstream credit and financial services.

Predatory lenders do not commit outright fraud. Contracts spell out the terms and conditions of subprime loans. Some consumers even warn that their homes if

they miss loan payments. But many consumers don't read the fine print that details inflated interest rates, excessive loan fees, balloon payments, pre-paid credit insurance charges and stiff penalties for default.

With minimal consumer protection or enforcement, predatory lenders can charge unlimited interest. Consumer education programs, as well as legal and regulatory changes, are needed to protect vulnerable homeowners.

However, the consumer's best bet is to avoid predatory lenders. Beware of creditors who solicit door-to-door, pressure for a snap decision, or offer to lend up to 125 percent of the home's value over a toll-free number.

Question and weigh interest rates, loan fees, penalties and insurance requirements. Offers that seem too good to be true probably are. Don't sign on the dotted line until you have read the entire contract—even the fine print. If necessary, ask a lawyer to review the contract with you. Remember: Contracts are binding. Your home is too valuable an asset to lose with the stroke of a pen.

## Keeping your roses fresh all summer is easy

By Don Trotter

Hello, and welcome to another visit to the rose garden.

In this discussion we will discover how simple it is to maintain your precious roses in an actively growing state through the summer months. So let's take a stroll out to the rose garden and take a look at how we can keep the queen of the garden spring fresh without any chemical hygiene sprays.

During warmer weather roses can have tendency to use up all of the available fertilizer in the soil very quickly. This can result in a slowing of growth because of the lack of available nutrition and unnaturally rapid growth as a response to feeding in a soil that is depleted of nutrients.

This is one of the best reasons to use natural fertilizers. Natural organic plant foods last a very long time and reduce the instances of nutrient depletion. They are also beneficial to the soil and to microorganisms that assist your roses in their efforts to resist stress, pests, and disease. Chemical fertilizers may claim to be long lasting, but do nothing to benefit the soil conditions where the roses are growing. These plant foods actually increase the fertility of the soil on your roses.

Chemical fertilizers can often exacerbate the problems associated with compacted soils that are common in the gardens of most tract homes and in silty or clay soils. Compacted soils do not allow for very good penetration of water. This problem can cause roses to suffer from water stress because water cannot reach very deep. This can also cause your water bill to skyrocket because of the need for constant application



of water to supply essential moisture to the roses. Runoff is also increased when soil is compacted. This can cause nutrient loss down the gutter and into the storm drains which ends up in our lakes, streams and in the ocean causing those all too familiar "Contaminated" signs to pop up like weeds on our beaches.

Regardless of the claims made by most chemical fertilizer manufacturers, roses prefer to be fed slowly and reliably and will respond favorably to this kind of care. And you don't have to feel partially responsible for polluting the surf.

Several types of natural/organic rose foods are available at your local garden center. Whitney Farms, Grow-More and a couple of other companies make good granular formulas especially

formulated for roses. Good old fish emulsion is a stinky but effective liquid rose food. I have a mixture of materials that has proven very effective for roses and has been promoted on television, radio and in my upcoming book. Curly's rose food mix is easy to make from easily obtained materials. The mixture is as follows:

- 1 part cottonseed meal
- 1 part seabird or bat guano
- 2 parts bone meal
- 1 part gypsum or lime, depending on soil pH
- 1 part hoof and horn meal or feather meal
- 1 part kelp meal

Apply this amazing rose food at a rate of one cup per rose every 60 days.

That is less than five times as often as chemical fertilizers and you can apply it without fear of collateral damage to our environment. The best way to apply this fertilizer is to ring your roses about twelve inches to eighteen from the center of the rose bush like a donut. A layer of mulch will also benefit your roses immeasurably.

By reducing the instances of stress on your roses and allowing them to feed from a constantly available source of food, you will find that your roses have fewer pests and diseases than others that are fed with commercial chemicals. This will also reduce

your dependence on potentially dangerous insecticides and fungicides. By reducing or eliminating the need for these "quick fixes," you will be able to explore some of the more interesting parts of ecosystem management, such as beneficial insects for insect pest control and soil management for increasing soil fertility and disease suppression. This is where gardening becomes a passion for the stewardship of your land as much as a passion for flowers, fruits and vegetables. A deeper understanding of what really makes plants grow evolves from this understanding.

Humus increases soil particle

size and stabilizes the balances of air and water in soils. This is one of the many ways that using natural products can benefit the whole garden and not just the roses.

Natural and organic plant foods, composts and mulches help to form humus.

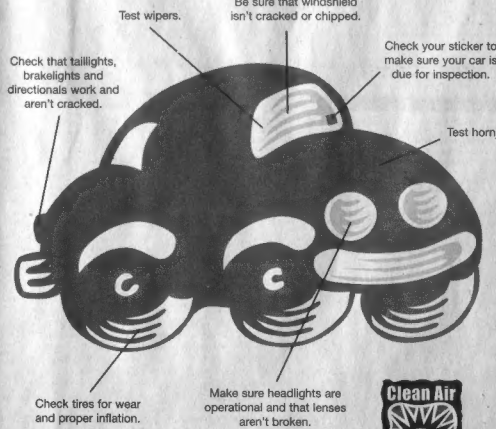
Next time we will be discussing soil quality (again) to further our knowledge of how to tend to our gardens naturally to reduce maintenance time and to save your back. See you in the garden!

Questions? Send email to [Curly@mail.net](mailto:Curly@mail.net).

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 IN THE MATTER OF:  
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 L.W.  
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 GENDER: Male

## NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: ROSSLAND WHITE and the unknown biological father  
 You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to terminate your parental rights and place custody of said children with the Georgia Department of Human Resources, acting through the Lowendes County Department of Family and Children Services, was filed in said Court on December 20, 1999, and by reason of the Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on February 23, 2000, you are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon

CHARLES R. REDDICK, Attorney for Petitioner, whose address is P.O. Box 515, Hewittville, Georgia 31043, an answer to the Petition, within thirty (30) days of the date of the summons. If you fail to do so, the Summons or of this Summons is served by publication, then the Court may be obtained from the Clerk of this Court during business hours.

This is a Summons requiring you to be in Court, if you fail to appear in Court as required, you may be held in Contempt of Court and punished accordingly.

A full is in hearing on Motion for Discovery, Motion for Appointment of Counsel and Motion to Extend to the Court a hearing scheduled for the 23rd day of May, 2000, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., at the Law Enforcement Center Courtroom, 111 Rowell Road, Valdosta, Georgia.

The Final Hearing in this matter is scheduled for the 16th day of July, 2000 at 3:00 o'clock p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center Courtroom, 111 Rowell Road, Valdosta, Georgia.

Now, therefore, you the party named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated above and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year and time to time, all said cases may be continued, and until discharged by the Court, and you are commanded to file any and all other business additional to be and appear before the Juvenile Court of Lowendes County, Georgia, before the Juvenile Court of Lowendes County, Georgia, at the Law Enforcement Center Courtroom, 111 Rowell Road, Valdosta, Georgia, on the date and time specified in this Summons, and if you fail to appear, your petition or legal document as aforesaid is hereby deemed to be true and the Court may enter judgment in favor of the petitioner and the said children and all parties named herein above, not be held with according to the provision of law.

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You are entitled to counsel in these proceedings. Should you be unable to afford counsel, counsel will be appointed for you.

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A Meeting of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders Essex County Improvement Authority Oversight Committee has been scheduled for **Thursday, June 22, 2000.** The meeting will begin at 8:00 P.M. and will be held in Room 306 at the top of **Essex, 450 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the status of the bid project.

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THE TIME for the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders Wednesday, June 21, 2000 Board Meeting has been changed to 8:30 p.m. The location remains the same: **Wesquegar Park Field House, Newark (off of Meeker Street).**

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The Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding an extraordinary, unspecifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-61 (a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given, that sealed proposals for The Restoration of Interior Stairs at 28, 30, 32 and 34 Packer Street and 28, 30, 32, 34, 40 Clyde Pkts. Ave., Manhattan Village, will be received by The Morristown Housing Authority on Wednesday, June 21, 2000 at 1:00 a.m. prevailing time, at 21 Early Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102. Said bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project generally includes the structural repair, painting and installation of doors for existing stairs or stairs in two and three story buildings.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the Morristown Housing Authority office during normal business hours, for a non-refundable fee of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00). The Form of Proposal shall be included in the sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder on the outside and addressed to the Morristown Housing Authority. The envelope shall also include "Bids for Restoration of Interior Stairs at Manhattan Village". Bids shall be held delivered or mailed to the Authority office at the address set forth above. It is the Bidder's responsibility to assure that their bid is received by the Authority by the time and date established above.

The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any bid for sixty (60) days after the date of opening of bids.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cash or bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid as a guarantee that, in the event the bidder is selected as the Bidder, they will, within Business 141 Days following, execute such contracts and furnish all necessary and complete documents and performance Certificates as required by the Contract Documents. Upon failure to do so, said Bidder shall forfeit the deposit as liquidated damages.

Each bid must also be accompanied by a Certificate of Consent of Surety from a bonding company guaranteeing to the Housing Authority that, should the Bidder be accepted, the bonding company will furnish a Performance and Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract Amount.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS FOR PORTSMOUTH HOMES ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

The Atlantic Reinvestment Development Authority (ARDA) is seeking a qualified Construction Manager for the construction of Portsmouth Homes, a new community in the City of Atlantic City. The new community includes two (2) two-story houses with a total of eighteen (18) dwelling units, and a total of twenty (20) units. The project is located on Block 88, bounded by North New Hampshire Avenue and the Atlantic City Boardwalk and Grumley Avenue. Block 88 is the vacant parcel behind the existing Playhouse Resort.

Copies of the Request for Proposals will be available from the CRDA offices beginning on Thursday, June 15, 2000. Respondents are required to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference to be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. at the offices of CRDA, 1014 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401. The mandatory pre-bid conference will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. and will continue until 3:00 p.m. Submissions will not be accepted from firms which do not have a representative in attendance at the mandatory pre-bid conference.

Proposals must be received by the CRDA by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, July 7, 2000. No late proposals will be accepted.

Questions are to be directed to: Ms. Adrienne C. Hamilton, Project Consultant

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## ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

COUNTY OF ESSEX

ORDINANCE NO. 0-00-0000  
 PROPOSED BY: DIVINCENZO & SCARPELLI  
 SUBJECT:

ORDINANCE RENAMING THE SOFTBALL FIELD IN YANTICAW PARK, NUTLEY

"THE JOHN HENRY WALKER MEMORIAL SOFTBALL FIELD"

WHEREAS, the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders is vested with the exclusive power to name county buildings, roads, and other facilities by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Freeholder Board wishes to name Softball Field #3 in Yanticaw Park in honor of John Henry Walker; and

WHEREAS, John Henry Walker passed away at the age of 89 on May 12, 2000, after a long illness; and

WHEREAS, he was a 1950 graduate of South Side High School in Newark, New Jersey, now known as Shabazz; and from there he attended Howard University in Washington, D.C., on a full athletic scholarship. After his first year, he joined the United States Air Force and served his country for four years during the Korean War before returning to complete his education at Seton Hall University where he earned his B.S. degree in 1964 and his M.A. degree in education in 1969; and

WHEREAS, he began his career as a teacher at Washington Elementary School in Nutley in 1964, where he taught for nine years and, in 1972, he became Principal at Washington Elementary School where he inspired many students over the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, he was in his fifth year as Assistant Superintendent of the Nutley School District; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Gloria, three daughters, Bridget Walker, Johnna Walker and Kimberly Walker White, a son John Walker, Jr., and many other family members, friends, colleagues and students who appreciate the inspiration, learning, and love that they experienced through the dedicated professionalism of John Henry Walker; now, therefore, be it

1. Ordained, by the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, as follows:

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2. The appropriate date and time shall be established for the dedication and renaming of the field.

3. That a public hearing on this ordinance shall be held on June 21, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. Yanticaw Park Visitor Center, Newark, NJ 08105.

4. That the Clerk of the Board shall publish and post notice of this ordinance as required by N.J.S.A. 40-A:14-142.

5. That upon adoption, copies of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the family of John Henry Walker.

Approved as to form and legality - Francis Giannantonio, Freeholder Counsel

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**By Greg Moore**

## Wagner commits to Memphis State

Last week, Dujan Wagner, one of the best high school basketball players ever produced by the Garden State, announced that he would be attending Memphis State University when he graduates next spring. Wagner a 6-3 guard who can shoot, handle, and jump out the gym, will take his considerable talent to a coach and program, which are both engaged in a resurrection of

If he who laughs last laughs best, then former New Jersey Nets coach John Calipari enjoying some fairly hearty chuckles. This year, by signing 6-8 Arthur Barclay and securing a verbal commitment from Wagner, Calipari has managed to lure away two of New Jersey's best high school players. By getting these Camden H.S. gems, Calipari confirms his status as one of the most effective recruiters in the country.

Canden, the son of former NBA player Milt Wagner, is considered the best rising senior in the country, and is by any measure, the most talented of the whole lot of guy who can come in as a freshman, and immediately establish himself as one of the top players in all of college basketball. He is a 6'7" forward, the kind of size such a player, apparently, they had absolutely no chance at signing the Camden. But. Reportedly however, St. John's coach, Tom Donaghy, was by the Wagner clan, however any chance of that happening was ultimately snuffed out by the fact that the Wagner family was employed by Calipari. For those of you who did not get a chance to see Wagner play last year, you may have lost your chance. It is not clear if he is still considering transferring to a school in Memphis to be near his dad (who Calipari named an assistant at Memphis State) and his brother, but it is pretty safe to bet that for all you procrastinators, the next time you see Wagner play in person, you gonna have to cough up a lot more money to see him.

By the way, could Rutgers head coach Kevin Bannon have a worse twelve months?

With that said, Rutgers once again missed the NCAA tournament, they lost the potential services of their first 7-foot player, and they were forced to fail to qualify academically, the program was slapped with a lawsuit stemming from a practice session where players were injured in a trip over a throw shoeing contest, and, most recently, Dantay Jones, Bonnet's breakthrough recruit, the player expected to elevate the program, was expected to transfer to Duke. To make matters even worse, Rutgers' primary competitor, Seton Hall has enjoyed a banner year. Tommy Amaker not only got his team into the NCAA tournament, but guided them to the "sweet sixteen." In addition, Amaker signed three players (Eddie Griffin, Andre Barrett and Marcus Williams) who are expected to be the best recruiting class in the country. As far as college basketball in New Jersey is concerned, the divergent paths of the two programs is clearly the tale of two cities.

Speaking of divergent paths, Ray Lewis needs to take a divergent path from some of his knucklehead associates who exposed Lewis to the risk of life imprisonment. Last week, murder charges against Lewis were dropped, but the deal was a non-plus agreement negotiated by Lewis' attorneys and the Atlanta District Attorney. As an attorney, although I did not consider the case against Lewis to be a particularly strong one, the damage which Lewis sustained from the publicity of the case is nothing short of devastating. Although Ray Lewis will play football again, as a consequence of his somewhat questionable associations, much like OJ Simpson, he will forever be dogged by lingering questions about what happened that fateful evening.

**UNION** — Hoop-It-Up, the official 3-on-3 Tour of the NBA and NBC Sports and the premiere street basketball tour in the U.S., will make its eighth annual stop in New Jersey on June 17 and 18. More than 1,900 area basketball players are expected on 50 courts set up for tournament play at Kean University.

New Jersey Hoop-It-Up offers fair and competitive 3-on-3 basketball action to players ages 8 and older of all skill levels, with divisions ranging from recreational to Top Gun (college experience or better), including kids (10 and younger), teens (17 and younger) and players over age 35. Players must form teams of up to four members (including one substitute). Teams are then placed in divisions with others of similar age, height and playing ability.

The Hoop-It-Up Tour is expected to host 140,000 play-

ers in more than 40 U.S. cities in 2000, more than a decade and millions of players after it began in 1989. The NBA sanctioned Hoop-It-Up as its official 3-on-3 basketball tour in 1992. An NBA-sanctioned Canadian tour was added in 1997.

"Hoop-It-Up has become the most popular basketball tour going, and I'm absolutely excited to be a part of competition that's the quality of competition that you see," said Steve "Snapper" Jones, an NBC sports analyst, who has appeared on the "Hoop-It-Up on NBC" broadcasts since 1991. "Whether you're 8 years old or have played top-level college ball, Hoop-It-Up provides an ideal venue for a fast-paced street game. I've been proud to be part of this tour for the last nine years and especially look forward to the Championships, where Hoop-It-Up players can take on the likes of James Worthy and Cynthia Cooper."



## D.A. Abrams named director of USA Tennis NJTL

NEW YORK — D.A. Abrams, 36, was recently named the first-ever director of the United States Tennis Association's USA Tennis National Junior Tennis League program. The program was co-founded by Arthur Ashe in 1969 with the goal of bringing tennis to youngsters, who might not otherwise have the opportunity to play.

Through the years, Arthur Ashe's vision has been realized and the USA Tennis NJTL program has influenced hundreds of thousands of lives all across the country. From three charter chapters, the program has grown to more than 800 chapters nationwide. Perhaps the person most influenced by NJTL is Abrams.

Abrams grew up in Philadelphia surrounded by many of the problems that plague inner cities. But as a youngster, he was introduced to tennis through NJTL. According to Abrams, "I



D.A. Abrams *File photo*

Abrams went on to earn a scholarship to Millersville Uni-

versity where he played varsity tennis, and a master's degree from Metropolitan State University in Minneapolis. He then joined the USTA, where he coordinated the NJTL program and headed the USTA's Minority Participation Initiative. In 1997, Abrams became the first African American, and the youngest ever executive director of a USTA regional office, heading the USTA/Missouri Valley Section.

With his appointment as director of USA Tennis NJTL, Abrams becomes not only one of the highest-ranking African-American executives at the USTA, but in all of tennis.

The USA Tennis recently decided to expand its commitment to USA Tennis NJTL by creating a separate department for the program. The goal is to expand on the work that NJTL has done by creating even more opportunities for disadvantaged youngsters and making tennis accessible to

everyone. Abrams will be responsible for expanding USA Tennis NJTL and creating partnerships that benefit NJTL participants.

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Under his previous leadership, participation in the program increased by more than 50 percent during the four-year period from 1993 to 1996.

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Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7 - 19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include: Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antawn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta, and Trajan Langdon. Camp locations include: Rochester, NY; Riverside, CA; Babson Park, FL; Atlanta, GA; New York, NY; Dallas, TX; In, Atchison, KS; Georgetown, KY; Northfield, MN; Raleigh, NC; Bolling Springs, NC; North Canton, OH; Commerce, TX; and Farmville, VA. College basketball scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American team. Call (704) 372-8510.

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That knowledge has prompted her to sponsor an innovative show, and sale entitled "Sport on the Porch." The event will pay a Father's Day tribute to sports superstars. Soules plans to use the outdoor wraparound porch that fronts her historic landmarked Victorian castle located at 900 Park Ave. in Plainfield, as the setting for a porch sports show. The show will feature sports memorabilia that contribute to the accomplishments of outstanding sports personalities. Many of the artifacts for the show will be from the Elizabeth Meaders sports collection. She will bring items that highlight Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan and others.

## Orioles baseball team warned not to discriminate

**BALTIMORE** — Recent statements by officials of the Baltimore Orioles baseball team in which they originally stated — but later retracted — that they would not sign Cuban defectors to play for the team, concerns members of the African-American leadership network Project 21. Project 21 members cite the discriminatory nature of team owner Peter Angelos' initial actions, and the particularly strong effects it would have on Afro-Cubans in Major League Baseball.

Ortiz's Vice President Syd Thrift told "The Washington Times" last week that the team would not sign Cuban defectors. The team passed on meeting with available Cuban players. Thrift now calls his statement a "concept" rather than a policy and that the team would consider signing Cuban players. Angeles said he "would not solicit or encourage anyone to defect rather we would discourage that."

"I call upon Mr. Angelos to make it clear that he is not pursuing racist employment practices," said Project 21 member Kevin Martin, a native of the Baltimore-Washington area. "Those Cubans who chose to defect did so at great risk to themselves and those they left behind in Cuba. Should they be banned because of their heritage, it creates yet another road-

block to their progress. In Cuba, blacks have little to no voice in the government and must turn to sports as a means of getting ahead. Afro-Cubans who have risked their lives to be here deserve the equal opportunity to play on Mr. Angelos' or anyone else's team."

According to labor law experts, should Angelos intentionally not hire Cubans to play for the Orioles, it would be a violation of at least two laws. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 bars discrimination in hiring on the basis of

national origin. The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 similarly bars employment discrimination against resident aliens on the basis of nationality and citizenship. Former Justice Department official Roger Clegg told *The Washington Times* that the appointment of Cuban players while snubbing their Cuban counterparts, which the Orioles have done, could itself be considered a violation of the law. So far, the Baltimore-based National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been silent on Angelos' actions. In 1999, however, the NAACP called for a boycott of the businesses of Detroit Tigers manager and owner Mike Ilitch because the general manager believed Ilitch made enough of an effort to interview black candidates for a team manager position.

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